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ithole party accuses Mr Smith of secret Nkomo deal

that Mr Ian Smith, at a meeting in Zambia on August offered to put Mr Joshua the guerrilla leader, in of Rhodesia's transition to rule were made by the Sithole wing of Zanu in Salisbury yesterday. An Information Ministry official said there was no truth in the report. Mr Nkomo said he expected to be in Salisbury "in not more than a month's time".

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Mr Nkomo would not confirm or deny the reports that he had agreed to head a majority Government in Zimbabwe. "I expect to be in Salisbury in not more than a month's time", he said, "but there will be no election this year there."

When asked to comment on Mr Sithole's refusal to attend an all-party conference, Mr Nkomo said: "That would be disastrous for him. If he wants to be so foolish he could end up without even a transitional council."

Dr Owen would not meet the press before returning to London tonight, and Mr Young also refused requests for interviews.

Nicholas Ashford writes from Salisbury: A senior Rhodesian Government spokesman today denied that Mr Smith visited Zambia two weeks ago for talks with President Kaunda, Mr Nkomo and Brigadier Gorba.

The claim that the meeting took place on August 14 was made tonight by Mr Joseph Masangomai, acting publicity secretary of Mr Sithole's wing of the Zimbabwe African National Union (Zanu).

Zanu said that Mr Nkomo was offered permanent chairmanship of the Executive Council until elections are held. The elections were made conditional on achievement of a ceasefire.

The Zanu statement said that the proposed all-party conference, to be held under the auspices of the British and American governments, was intended to endorse the arrangement reached in Zambia.

"Dr Owen and the Russian Ambassador in Zambia are aware of this deal and welcome it", the statement continued. "There is also speculation in diplomatic circles in Lusaka that both Chief Jeremiah Chirau and Mr James Chikerema (first vice-president of the UANC), had knowledge of the scheme and accepted it.

"The reports of this deal confirm our repeated assertion that the whole purpose of the all-party conference is to destroy the Salisbury agreement and impose the leadership of Joshua Nkomo on the people of Zimbabwe."

Mr Masangomai said Zanu reiterated its determination to resist "by ruthless force" anybody who wanted to destroy the March 3 agreement and establish a "dictatorship".

Whether or not the claims that Mr Smith has visited Lusaka recently are correct, it is a well-established fact that he is very anxious to persuade Mr Nkomo to participate in a settlement. There is constant secret journeying between Salisbury and Lusaka by senior officials and Mr Smith is known to have set up a special team to maintain contact with President Kaunda and Mr Nkomo.

David Spanier, Diplomatic Correspondent, writes: Any serious move to bring Mr Nkomo back to Rhodesia as leader of the transitional Government would be greatly welcomed in London, if it signified a serious reconciliation between the African nationalists.

The Foreign Office had nothing to say about the reports of the secret meeting. "We are not in a position to comment at the moment, especially since Dr Owen is away in Kenya", a spokesman said.

Mr Nkomo has long been seen as the key figure in any settlement, because he seemed the only African leader with the personality and experience to give confidence to both blacks and whites.

The further question remains whether Mr Nkomo would feel able to return to Salisbury without the approval of his partner, Mr Mugabe. Though there are strains between the two wings of the Patriotic Front, it would be hard to imagine Mr Nkomo going it alone at this stage.

For Mr Nkomo to take any offer seriously, he would need to be absolutely satisfied that the reins of power—not just the symbols—would pass into his and his followers' hands.

Exodus fears, page 4

Oil report referred to DPP for decision

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

The Government has decided to refer the report by Mr Thomas Bingham, QC, on oil supplies to Rhodesia to the Director of Public Prosecutions, to see whether criminal proceedings for breaches of sanctions should be taken.

It also decided to publish the report in full. That will take some time because the report runs to 600 pages and the evidence given to the inquiry cannot be published without the consent of the people who gave it.

About 50 people gave evidence, and there have been no refusals so far. Sir David Steel, chairman of British Petroleum, the company whose evidence forms a crucial part of the report, said in a letter to *The Times* yesterday that he welcomed publication.

The Government's intention is that the House of Commons should have the report before the annual debate on the renewal of sanctions in mid-November.

The announcement was made by the Foreign Office yesterday, on behalf of Dr David Owen, the Foreign Secretary, who was in Kenya for President Kenyatta's funeral. The decision to refer the report to the Director of Public Prosecutions and to publish it, though expected, came after consultations at Cabinet level.

Arbitrators appointed: Arbitrators have been appointed by British Petroleum and Lonrho to judge on their dispute over the supply of oil to Rhodesia (our Energy Correspondent writes).

Lonrho has chosen Professor Raul Ventura, Professor of Law at Lisbon University, as its arbitrator. British Petroleum has picked Sir Henry Fisher, President of Wolfson College, Oxford.

The arbitration is a consequence of writs taken out by Lonrho against 29 oil companies in June last year alleging that they supplied Rhodesia with oil in defiance of sanctions and breaching a contract held by Lonrho to supply Rhodesia by pipeline from Beira in Mozambique.

The action against Shell Petroleum and British Petroleum, two of the 29 defendants, was stayed and referred to arbitration at a hearing before Mr Justice Brightman on January 31 this year.

Shell has yet to appoint an arbitrator.

At the January hearing, Mr Justice Brightman said the gist of Lonrho's claim for damages against Shell and BP was that the defendants, with intent to injure Lonrho as owners of the Beira pipeline, treasonably induced the Rhodesian Government to make its unilateral declaration of independence by assurances that oil would continue to be supplied even if the pipeline could not be used. It was further alleged that UDI had been prolonged because the supply of oil had been continued despite the closure of the pipeline.



Sir Henry Fisher, to arbitrate for BP.



Kenyatta funeral: At the funeral of President Jomo Kenyatta in Nairobi the Prince of Wales, in naval uniform, sits near President Idi Amin of Uganda, separated by the heads of state of the Comoros and Liberia. He narrowly missed having his hand seized by President Amin as he walked to his seat. He seized the hands of President Nyerere of Tanzania and President Kaunda of Zambia, but then the Prince turned to speak to somebody seated behind him and so missed the attention of President Amin. Christian, Muslim and traditional African leaders took part in the inter-denominational funeral service. A Masai tribal elder, dressed in a skin cloak with feathers on his head, represented traditional Kenyan beliefs. After the funeral, President Amin decided to walk the half-mile to his hotel. He was accompanied by a mounted police escort, but hundreds of Kenyans quickly surrounded him and he strode at the head of an excited cheering throng. When he reached his hotel, the crowd refused to disperse and extra police were called to control the Amin fans.

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Boeing purchase dims airbus prospects

From Ian Murray in Paris and Arthur Reed in London

After official confirmation yesterday of the British Airways deal to buy 19 Boeing 757 airliners powered by a new version of the Rolls-Royce RB211 engine, the French Minister of Transport, M Joel Le Theule, gave a clear warning that the prospects were not good for Britain's being allowed to join the European airbus consortium.

In talks in London on Wednesday with Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, M Le Theule was told that in principle Britain had agreed to join the consortium although no pressure was to be put on British Airways to buy the airbus aircraft as a condition of entry to the project.

M Le Theule said yesterday that the British position was paradoxical. As far as he was concerned it was incompatible for Britain to seek to join the consortium and at the same time allow her state airline to place an order that would make it possible for a serious competitor to the airbus to get off the ground.

He said the order for the 757 would endanger the whole airbus project and that he could not agree with it. What he was saying was not an ultimatum, he said, and there would be a need for further negotiations, perhaps lasting months. At the same time he was anxious to stick to the original timetable for the development of the airbus.

From the consortium's point of view British involvement is essential if the project is to be completed on time. British skill in wing design is needed to make the aircraft

Confirmation of the British Airways deal to buy the airliners and spare parts at a cost of £400m was given by Mr Varley. It means Rolls-Royce can proceed with the development of the 535 engine at a cost of £250m.

The Government is ready to take a 20 per cent stake in Airbus Industrie, the consortium developing the airbus and is prepared to advance British Aerospace, the nationalized aircraft industry, £50m as part of its share of developing a 200-seat version of Airbus, the B10.

Mr Varley said in London yesterday: "The Government accepts British Airways's conclusion that its immediate requirement is met by the acquisition of narrow-bodied aircraft of medium size and range, but British Airways considers on the basis of existing comparisons that any requirement for wide-bodied aircraft of medium size and range could most satisfactorily be met by the B10."

The key that unlocked government permission for the British Airways Boeing deal, and the 535 engine development, was the decision by eastern airlines, a leading American carrier, to buy 21 757s powered by the Rolls engine.

Our Political Editor writes: Mr Norman Tebbit, chairman of the Conservative parliamentary aviation committee, voiced dismay last night that the Boeing decision had failed to secure co-production with an American manufacturer, and had left Britain "over a barrel" in negotiations with the airbus consortium.

While welcoming the Government's decision to go ahead with the 535 engine, Mr Tebbit asserted that Mr Varley had been outmanoeuvred regarding the European airbus by Lord Beswick, chairman of British Aerospace. He asserted that Lord Beswick seeking partnership with the Europeans, had taken so long in his negotiations that the American companies of Boeing and McDonnel Douglas "had gone so bored that they left".

British work: Boeing intends to continue activity leading to placing a substantial amount of the sub-contracting work for the 757 with British companies, Mr T. A. Wilson, Boeing board chairman, said last night (the Press Association reports).

Sir Kenneth Keith, chairman of Rolls-Royce, said Rolls could expect to get back at least £2,000m if a conservatively estimated 1,000 of the new jets were ordered.

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Secrecy over jobless forecasts criticized

By Patricia Tisdall
Management Correspondent

A decision by the Chancellor of the Exchequer not to disclose unemployment forecasts was criticized by an all-party House of Commons committee yesterday. "We have frankly been appalled by the lack of openness of the Treasury", it says, adding that the refusal to disclose the forecasts was indicative of "a lack of coordination and consultation" on employment matters generally.

The report, produced by a Commons expenditure subcommittee, disagrees with Mr Healey's view that the Government's unemployment forecasts are too unreliable to be helpful. In oral evidence given in June, the Chancellor indicated that he thought the forecasts should be made available at least to official bodies such as the Manpower Services Commission, provided their weaknesses were fully understood.

But Mr Healey later wrote to Mrs Renée Short, chairman of the committee, saying that he had decided not to publish the forecasts. It is understood that, having consulted other members of the Cabinet, he concluded that it could be positively harmful to issue medium-term unemployment projections in which there could be little confidence.

While acknowledging the hazards of forecasting future levels of employment the committee concludes that it is a task the Government "must face up to if manpower policies are to be correctly devised. It urges the Chancellor to reconsider his decision and recommends that the Treasury should release its short-term and medium-term unemployment forecasts every six months.

"We cannot see how decisions can be taken, for instance on the numbers of training places to be offered in particular skills", it says, "unless there is a reasonably comprehensive view of future manpower requirements in different occupations and industries." The committee adds that "it makes no sense that the major executive body for manpower policy should be denied information on the Government's assessment of the economic and labour market situation".

It recommends that future employment totals should be broken down into occupations and industries and that forecasts give an analysis of young people entering the labour market.

The committee's inquiries indicate that unemployment unlikely to fall below one million in the next few years. The committee expects the peak increase in the labour force to be reached by 1983 with married women accounting for nearly half the increase in the next decade.

Among long-term solutions examined in the report are reductions in the labour force by later entry and earlier retirement as well as "work-sharing" schemes. Longer holidays and sabbatical leave found favour as an alternative to a reduction in the basic working week. The committee thought that should be discussed more fully by the TUC, the CBI, management and workers.

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Recalling the meeting he had last February at Kenilworth with about 700 BL shop stewards and national union officials, to whom he presented the strategy for BL's future, and the 99 per cent acceptance he received when it was put to the vote, Mr Edwardes said he had no reason to suppose that those people had reneged on him.

"The vast majority of them and of the 170,000 workforce they represent are, I believe, still right behind us. Yet I have to tell you that in the first six months of this year BL factories in Britain have been disrupted not 10, 20 or 100 times, but 346 times."

Mr Edwardes said he did not appeal to the 1 per cent who were causing the industry's disruptions, for he doubted their motives. "My appeal is to the remainder not to let this tiny majority get away with it."

The future of BL and of industry in Britain as a whole lay in productivity and the proper use of resources, and that meant people.

Despite the efforts of most of its workers this year, BL was producing about 76 per cent of target capacity. On an exceptional day it might produce 90 per cent. "Yet our plants in Belgium average 96 per cent of target and often achieves 103 per cent. No wonder the industry is fighting for survival at a time when our Continental competitors are talking about expansion."

Mr Edwardes, who set aside his prepared statement to deliver what he suggested might be his most important speech as a leader of the British motor industry, said: "Only two things are required to ensure the future for the British motor

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Top Spanish police officers dismissed

Two high-ranking Spanish police officers have been dismissed and several others suspended after criticism in print of the Government's "indiscriminate amnesties". The article in the Police Association's magazine also accused the Spanish Government of weakness. The association says 14 of its members have been suspended, while the Interior Ministry figure is five

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Labour pledge on jobs

The Prime Minister, speaking at Birmingham, made clear that one of the Labour Party's main policy planks in an election would be the need for continued government intervention to save jobs and create employment throughout the country

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Unions' plan for poll

The trade union movement for Labour's reelection gathered momentum on the eve of the TUC conference as a £1m fund was opened and most general council members declared their support. A warning was given about a Tory-union clash

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West Bank force

The United States has been testing support in Canada, Australia and New Zealand for the idea of a peacekeeping force for the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, according to a report from Washington that has appeared in Israel

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Call for TUC to fight Chrysler deal

The TUC is to be asked by Mr Clive Jenkins's union next week to urge the Government to block the Peugeot-Citroën takeover of Chrysler UK unless job security is guaranteed. Statements by M Jean-Paul Parayre, the Peugeot head, appear to fall well short of guarantees being sought

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Paper plan confirmed

Plans for a new northern-based newspaper have been confirmed by Mr Jocelyn Stevens, managing director of Express Newspapers. The idea was welcomed by union leaders he had met yesterday, he said. The paper could be published "at any time from six weeks onwards"

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In 'The Times'

Many important novels will be published in the next two months and *The Times* Saturday Review will take extracts from some of them over the next four weeks. The first, tomorrow, comes from Paul Theroux's *Picture Palace* and is entitled "A Portrait of Greene"

For trial: Twelve prison officers were committed at Hull Magistrates' Court for trial charged with conspiracy to assault and beat prisoners 3

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Britain's two silvers

Britain had a bad day in the European athletics championships in Prague. Steven Ovett was runner-up to Olaf Beyer, of East Germany, in the 800 metres final. Brendan Foster failed to qualify for the 5,000 metres final, and Daley Thompson finished second after holding the half-way lead in the decathlon

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W German MP suspected of espionage

From Patricia Clough
Bonn, Aug 31

The Bundestag has been urgently summoned back from its summer recess to examine tomorrow a request for the lifting of the parliamentary immunity of a deputy under suspicion of spying for Romania.

The deputy, or one of his collaborators, is the second person known to be under investigation after disclosures made to the United States Central Intelligence Agency by a Romanian official who defected to the West earlier this month. Herr Joachim Broudre-Gröger, personal assistant to Herr Egon Bahr, the Social Democrat Party manager, was yesterday said to be under investigation.

Herr Uwe Holtz, a Social Democrat deputy, who was reported by a news agency to be the parliamentarian in question, today denied he was a spy. "It is all nonsense" he said when he learnt of the suspicions against him during talks with constituents in Düsseldorf.

Herr Jäeta, aged 34, is chairman of the parliamentary committee for economic cooperation.

Nuclear test

Pahute Mesa, Nevada, Aug 31.—The United States detonated a nuclear warhead 2,233ft underneath the desert at the Nevada test site today.

It was the seventh announced American nuclear test this year. —UPI.

HOME NEWS

Labour will continue to create jobs, Mr Callaghan says

From Clifford Webb
Birmingham

Mr James Callaghan yesterday refused to say whether he plans an October general election. But in a speech in Birmingham he made clear that when he does go to the country one of the Labour Party's main planks will be the need for continued government intervention to save jobs and create new employment.

Speaking at the opening of an £11m expansion of the Triplex windscreen factory, he said that employment was central to the Government's *industrial strategy. But it was not* an easy task. There was more anxiety about jobs in the West- n world than at any time ce the Second World War.

t Britain, by unorthodox imaginative action, the ernment had saved 300,000 ple from the dole. "We are d that those measures ould be swept away", he aid. "But I say that the simple-minded recipe of leaving firms to sink or swim in a free market, where every country is scrambling for orders, would mean bankruptcy for many firms and unemployment for thousands of workers."

It was costing the Government £150m a year to provide jobs for school-leavers. But it *was worth every* penny to guarantee a place to every leaver who had not found a job by next Easter.

He said that those and other measures were protecting about 400,000 jobs.

Mr Callaghan also made clear that there will be no weakening in the Government's determination to obtain a 5 per cent pay limit when he addresses the TUC conference at Brighton on Tuesday. "In a period of worldwide unemployment we should put too many jobs at stake by a return to anarchy in pay bargaining, a do-nothing mentality in government and conflict between two sides of industry", he said.

Continuing the theme of government intervention to combat unemployment, he said financial help had been given to 200 new industrial projects, providing 23,000 jobs.

Windscreen formula, secret, page 16

Contrasting views on PR show by author

By Ian Bradley

A scheme to introduce proportional representation into British elections was dropped from the last great parliamentary reform Bill, in 1918, because the Liberal Party decided that it would not be in *its interest, according to* a book published yesterday.

The book, by Dr Martin Pugh, a lecturer in history at Newcastle University, is the first important study of the 1918 Reform Act, which gave the vote to 13 million men and more than eight million women.

It reveals how proportional representation was almost incorporated into the British constitution during the First World War. A Speaker's conference in 1917 recommended the use of the single transferable vote in boroughs returning three or more MPs and of the alternative vote, in which *electors list their preferences*, which are redistributed, in the remaining single-member constituencies.

In its original form the Bill provided for an experiment in proportional representation with 150 multi-member constituencies electing by the single transferable vote and the rest using the alternative vote.

Dr Pugh says the pressure for proportional representation in the Edwardian period came mostly from older MPs who remembered the days of the independent member and deplored the rise of the strict party system.

Most members of both the Liberal and Labour Parties thought the use of the single transferable vote would harm them in the long term. Liberals, however, favoured *the alternative vote in single*-member constituencies.

In the event, the experimental scheme involving the single transferable vote was thrown out of the 1918 Bill after a free vote in the Commons. The proposal to use the alternative vote was killed by Lloyd George, who deemed it best to go along with Conservative objections during the wartime coalition.

Dr Pugh's book reveals an interesting parallel with the present. Among the greatest enthusiasts for proportional representation were Conservatives in the Lords. In recent months Conservative peers have been similarly keen on proportional representation in debates on the Scotland Bill.

Electoral Reform in War and Peace, 1906-18 (Routledge & Kegan Paul, £6.50).



Stamp of approval: *Andrew Tait, aged 12, of Windsor, and* Catherine Newcombe, aged 10, of Ebbw Vale, Gwent, were presented with £100 each yesterday after winning a letter-writing competion organized by the Post Office. They spent the day as guests of the corporation.

Plan for new northern paper confirmed

From John Chartres
Manchester

Mr Jocelyn Stevens, deputy chairman and managing director of Express Newspapers, confirmed in Manchester yesterday that the group intends to launch a new, national tabloid newspaper to be printed in Manchester.

He said the idea had met with immediate enthusiasm from trade union leaders in Manchester, London and Glasgow to whom he had talked in the Grand Hotel, Manchester, yesterday.

Asked how soon the new paper could begin publication, Mr Stevens said: "At any time from six weeks onwards if we get the right agreement all round". There was still a long way to go and the final decision would have to be made by Mr Victor Matthews, chairman of the group.

In answer to questions, Mr Stevens agreed that the projected new paper would compete against *The Sun* (at *present printed only* in London). There was no question of stopping the printing of the *Daily Express* in London and transferring it to Manchester, he said.

Nor was there any question of introducing new technology. Very good conventional printing capacity already existed in the *Express* building in Manchester.

Asked about an editor for the new paper, Mr Stevens pointed out that Mr Derek Jameson, the present editor of the *Daily Express* and former northern editor of the *Daily Mirror*, was "a master of the tabloid newspaper". He did not think, however, that Mr Jameson would be moving back to Manchester from London.

Mr Stevens agreed yesterday that among the many attractions for a northern-based newspaper were the probability of a lack of labour disputes and the vast readership potential in the North of England. The printing of late sporting results for such a readership was an important factor, Mr Stevens agreed.

Sheila Black writes: The attitude of Mr Victor *Matthews*, chairman of Express Newspapers since the Trafalgar House takeover last year, *expressed in his* "No comment" yesterday, confirms that there are still many meetings to be held before an announcement.

The hoped-for publication date is still October in order to anticipate the planned printing in the North before the end of the year of extra copies of *The Sun*.

"Sun" application: A planning fee a printing works to publish *The Sun* in Glasgow has been lodged with Glasgow District Council.

North Sea divers to get medical centre

By Penny Symon

A £750,000 centre to tre divers *injured in the Nor* Sea is to be built in Aberde the Scottish Office said yes day. Work is expected to beg early next year.

Mr Bruce Millan, Secreta of State for Scotland, h accepted the recommendatio made in a report, publish yesterday, by an advis group of medical and divi experts, headed by Profess K. W. Donald, Emeritus Pr fessor of Medicine at Edi burgh University.

The report says that there are about 1,500 commercial divers working with offshore oil and gas installations in the United Kingdom sector of the North Sea, and 27 have been killed since 1971.

"It is difficult to gather comprehensive figures on the number of divers treated for the effects of changes in pressure because there is no single centre in Scotland with facilities for treating those casualties", Professor Donald said.

"Patients have been treated by the Royal Navy, or in pressure chambers owned by private firms, or universities. The arrangements, both for divers suffering from decompression sickness and those who have become ill while still under pressure, are haphazard and fragmented."

He said a diver's job was 10 times more dangerous than that of a coalminer. Cases of decompression sickness were likely to increase as the nature of offshore industrial activities changed.

"The major exploration work involved saturation diving, where divers went down very deep and the pressure in the chamber remained constant for several days. But the major exploration is now over, and there is instead a great deal of service and repair work.

Mrs Thatcher gives sharp reply on party pact talk

From David Wood
Peebles

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Leader of the Opposition, gave a sharp reply yesterday to Mr David Steel and his theorizing about party pacts and understandings to enable somebody to govern in another "hung" parliament.

On the edge of the Liberal Party leader's constituency she roundly said: "I am going for a clear mandate for victory. It will be a clear victory for us. Provided it is a good one and we can carry on for five years, I shall be perfectly happy."

She announced, on the first day of her tour of the border constituencies, that the Conservatives were going to hold every seat they have "and win some more".

Mrs Thatcher showed no patience with any reporter who dared to speculate about another spell of minority government, or who tried to tempt her into confessing where she *would look for extra parlia*mentary support after a close result.

"It is quite absurd", she said, "to have so much talk about a hung parliament. You ot run for a hung parlia- How do people vote for parliament?"

Thatcher showed no patience, either, with Mr James Callaghan. Some of the reporters in her entourage told her that in Birmingham yesterday the Prime Minister claimed that the Government's industrial strategy had succeeded. With scorn, she said his arithmetic was all wrong. Labour's industrial strategy had scarcely been successful when the Labour Government came in with unemployment at 600,000. The total was now 1,600,000.

There were only two ways to run a country. One was the socialist way of more and more taxation, and more and more state control. The other way was the Conservative way of less taxation, more incentive, more prosperity spreading through a nation that understood that without profitable industry and commerce there could be no success. That was a message she gave when anyone asked about the future of British Leyland.

Mrs Thatcher is paying her three-day visit to border constituencies at a time when she and her closest advisers *believe that Mr* Callaghan must go to the country soon. If he does not, then she promises that the Opposition will vote him down on the Queen's Speech and force a dissolution.

Liberals are ready for all possibilities

By Fred Emery
Political Editor

The Liberal Party, which is due to hold its assembly at Southport from September 11, has plans for all contingencies.

If an election is announced before then the conference will be a one-day affair; if the announcement comes in mid-*assembly, the party will simply* bring forward its most urgent debate, on party strategy before and after the election, the delegates will then return post-haste to their constituencies.

If no signal emerges from Downing Street they might get through the full programme until Saturday, September 16, but no one is counting on it. That was the message from Mr Michael Meadowcroft, chairman of the party's assembly committee, at a news conference about the assembly agenda in London yesterday.

The party has even obtained a bargain premium for its insurance against cancellation, covering £12,000 of party costs.

In the planned debate on party strategy, Mr Richard Wainwright, MP for Colne Valley, is to move a long resolution which, essentially, makes it an explicit condition of future Liberal parliamentary agreements that they should be subject to "cast-iron commitments endorsed by the MPs of the other party" on electoral reform. Mr David Steel, the party leader is expected to speak in the debate.

Orme attack on Tory 'hypocrisy'

By Our Political Editor

The contrast between a Conservative Party broadcast promise to spend more on social services and an attack by Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the party leader, on what she called the entitlement society, was seized on last night by Mr Stanley Orme, Minister for Social Security, as a contradiction disclosing blatant hypocrisy.

Mr Orme asked which version reflected Tory policy. Who was making Tory policy, Saatchi & Saatchi, the advertising agency retained by the Conservatives and responsible for controversial party political broadcasts, or Mrs Thatcher?

He said:

In this broadcast it was inferred that more money would be spent by the Tories on the welfare state, not least on pensioners, children and the disabled, whilst at the same time Mrs Margaret Thatcher was making a speech, in Scotland, in which she labelled Britain as an "entitlement *society" and criticized those who* had done little but were receiving state benefits.

Mrs Thatcher should tell us which people are receiving state benefits at the expense of the rest of the country. She should tell us whether they are the 1,900,000 pensioners, the seven million *mothers drawing child benefit, or* those drawing unemployment benefit or disablement pensions.

He added in an interview with me: "She cannot have it both ways."

Headmaster warns Labour over independent schools

From Our Education Correspondent
Cambridge

Independent schools are an obstacle to the growth of power of the state and must therefore be destroyed: that seems to be the attitude of the Government, Mr James Hornby, chairman of the Incorporated Association of Preparatory Schools, told the association's annual conference at Cambridge yesterday.

The association, which represents 442 independent preparatory schools, regretted that the question of independent schools *should have become a party* matter, Mr Hornby, Headmaster of Clifton College Preparatory School, said.

"But we must face the fact that one political party in a so-called free democracy has reached the stage where it finds the existence of a thriving independent sector an embarrassment and is happy if by statute or legislation it can add to its difficulties without thought of the educational consequences."

The Labour Party was coming to the point where the state must have control of everything, he said.

"If we ever reach the stage where all children are educated by the state by teachers trained by the state to a curriculum dictated by the state, we shall have abnegated a very important part of what constitutes a democracy. We are fast heading in that direction.

Yet, Mr Hornby said, he felt that the independent schools were at their best when Labour was in power because then they could not afford to be easy going or complacent; they must prove their worth to justify their existence.

Despite the decline in primary school numbers caused by the fall in the birth rate, the number of pupils in the association's group was holding steady at about 72,000, he said. Fees average £1,400 a year at boarding preparatory schools and about £800 at day schools.

Move by public houses to ban National Front

By Robert Parker

The National Association of Licensed House Managers, which represents 15,000 public house managers, is advising its members to ban political meetings from their premises. The ban is particularly aimed at the National Front.

The national committee of the association has become increasingly concerned about the activities of the Front at public houses, and was particularly disturbed by the damage caused recently to the Vauxhall Tavern in London, after a National Front meeting.

The association is launching an antiracialist campaign which will culminate in a rally at Central Hall, Westminster on February 21 next year. M Bill Scotting, president o the association, said, the campaign, "to expose the evil o the Front", would be conducted in public houses o members.

Many Front meetings wer booked in false names, he sai The meetings had "a ba effect on customers", an angered many managers wh were ex-Servicemen.

Triple tie in chess contest

By a Chess Correspondent

The Lloyds Bank masters chess tournament at the Cumberland Hotel, London, ended last night in a triple tie for the first three prizes between Paul Littlewood, of Skelmersdale, John Peters, of the United States, and Yrjo Rantanen, of Finland. Each scored 7½ points out of 10.

The remaining prizewinners were Bouaziz, Britton, Kraidman, Lind, Masculo, Tatai and Watson with seven points, and Evans, Hall, Kopec, Povah, Shamkovitch, van der *Steren and Wicker with 6½*.

Results Round 10: Peters ½ Kraidman ½; Bouaziz 1; Rantanen ½; Benjamin 1, Bassin 0; Shamkovitch ½, Littlewood 1; Tatai 1, Kopec 0; van der Steren ½, Povah ½; Rayner 0, Watson 1; Hall 1, Macpherson 0, Masculo 1, Flear 0; Lind 1, Hodgson 0; Lucena ½, Ballinas ½; Webb 0, Britton 1; Knott 0, Evans 1; Wicker 1, Franklin 0; Phillips ½, Pogdon ½; Thoma ½, Sowray ½; Goichberg ½, Rind ½; Kuddermann ½, De Firmian ½; Greenman 0, Ikov 1; D. Kinn ½, Salaman ½; A. King 0, Odendahl 1; Westerinen 1, Bramford 0; Formics ½, Hawksworth 0; Flesch 1, Dimmock ½; Crouch ½, Ginsburg ½; Fitzgerald ½, Norris ½, Rogers ½, Freeman ½; Burner ½, Farrand ½, Nicholson ½; Century ½, Lehmann ½, Stirling ½; Casey ½, O'Brien ½, Brown ½, Lyon ½; Davison 1, Farias 0; Michaelides 0, Greenfield 1, Berry ½, Bloch ½; Quigley ½, Malcolm ½, Law ½, Mayers ½; Wells ½, Cummings ½, Shallcross ½; Lawton ½, Albright ½, Harding ½; Mate 1, Short 0; Blow 1, Gudis 0; Harman ½, Yoo ½, Bernfield 1, Kemp 0; Harris 1, Lambert 0; Scott ½, Patterson ½, van Baarle ½, Senior ½; Hilyard 1, Johnson 0; Martin ½, Feldmann ½, Trudick 0, Bennett 1; Hendaw 1, Andrade 0; Aaron ½, Chandon-Moet ½, Russel 0, Kinsman 1; Boddin 1, Catt 0.

Reconstruction of BL 'ahead of schedule'

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industry, and without them *there is no future.*

"The first is that we must have the vocal and overt support of the majority of the *workforce, and second is that* support must be demonstrated in terms of continuous production.

"From that base it will still be possible to stage a recovery, although each day of lost production, profit and sales makes the job more difficult and the long-term prospects less hopeful."

He said he knew from personal experience that most BL workers were sick to death of production being interrupted again and again for the most insignificant of reasons. "If we give in to it we shall continue down the slippery slope that seems to have been designed for us by this tiny minority of people."

On a brighter note, Mr Edwardes confirmed that BL's reconstruction had been completed well ahead of schedule. The transfer of TR7 assembly to Canley, Coventry, had gone *well, with excellent cooperation* from the local workforce, and the first of an expanded range of those sports cars is expected to be produced this autumn.

Austin-Morris's next new small car (which will not replace the Mini) should be in production by the spring or summer of 1980.

Now that the 3½ litre V8 engine had met American law on exhaust gases Rovers are to be reintroduced into the United States. Mr Edwardes said negotiations to introduce a night shift at the Rover plant at Solihull were continuing. Although car production there is double the 1977 figure, it is still not enough to meet market demands.

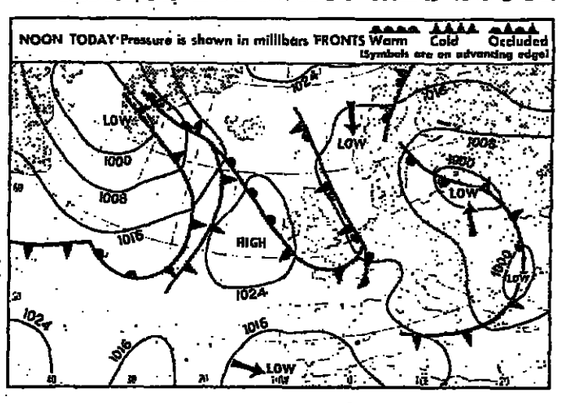
A £13m investment will increase Land-Rover and Range Rover production by half in the short-term.

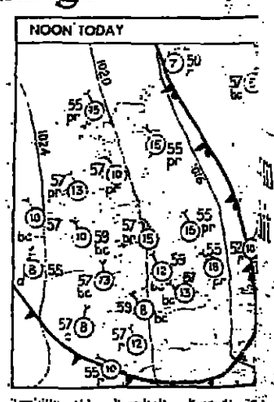
Although Austin-Morris and Jaguar-Rover-Triumph are now autonomous companies, there are to be more matching of *components than here ever* been achieved before between individual BL makes.

Mr Edwardes predicted that BL's six-month figures, to be announced soon, would to some extent be encouraging, "though well below what they might have been had we been saved *so much industrial disruption*". August would show record figures for the group, with domestic sales well in excess of 60,000 units.

"This is to a large extent down to the private buyer, who has remained extremely loyal to us; also to our network, who *have had to take so much stick* over the past few years but who have proved to us once again that so long as we can give them the product they can find the buyers."

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 6.12 am. Sun sets: 7.48 pm
Moon rises: 4.34 am. Moon sets: 7.7 pm
New moon: Tomorrow.
Lighting up: 8.18 pm to 5.44 am.
High water: London Bridge, 2.2 am, 6.7m (21.9ft); 2.17 pm, 6.8m (22.2ft). Avonmouth, 7.24 am, 12.0m (39.5ft); 7.35 pm, 12.3m (40.3ft). Dover, 11.32 am, 6.2m (20.3ft); 11.45 pm, 6.2m (20.4ft). Hull, 6.9 am, 6.8m (22.3ft); 6.42 pm, 6.9m (22.5ft). Liverpool, 11.34 am, 8.6m (28.2ft); 11.49 pm, 8.8m (29.0ft).

A cool N airstream covers the British Isles.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE, Central S and Central N England, Midlands: Mainly dry, rather cloudy, some bright intervals; wind NW, moderate; max temp 17°C (63°F).

East Anglia, E England: Showers or longer outbreaks of rain; wind NW, fresh; max temp 14°C (57°F).

Channel Islands, SW England, S Wales: Dry, *sunny periods*; wind NW, light; max temp 17°C (64°F).

N Wales, Isle of Man, Argyll, N Ireland: Mainly dry, sunny intervals, *some showers near N* coasts; wind N, moderate; max temp 16°C (61°F).

NW England, Lake District, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands: Mainly dry, rather cloudy, some brighter spells, wind NW, moderate; max temp 16°C (61°F).

NE England, Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetlands: Showers, or longer outbreaks of rain, some brighter spells, especially later; wind N, fresh; max temp 12°C (54°F).

Outlook for weekend: Mainly dry, but rather cool in E and N, with some showers likely, while more general rain may spread from W later.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind N or NW, moderate, locally fresh; sea slight or moderate.

English Channel (E): Wind NW moderate; sea slight.

St George's Channel: Wind NW, moderate, locally fresh; sea slight or moderate.

Irish Sea: Wind NW, moderate or fresh; sea moderate.

September forecast

*The Meteorological office yester*day issued the following forecast for September: Cool weather is expected in the early part of the month, with mostly NW winds, *but this is expected to give way* to rather changeable and somewhat warmer conditions, with winds becoming more SW.

It is expected that all areas will *have mean temperatures and sun*shine below average, and rainfall near average.

The frequency of gales is expected to be near average.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; th, thunder.

Abroath	s	20	68	Connahan	s	15	59	Lisbon	s
Algiers	s	33	91	Dublin	r	14	57	Locarno	s
Amsterdm	r	14	57	Edinburgh	r	13	55	London	r
Athens	s	27	81	Florence	s	30	86	Luxembrg	c
Barcelona	s	23	73	Funchal	r	23	73	Madrid	s
Beirut	s	30	86	Geneva	r	13	55	Majorca	s
Berlin	r	15	59	Gibraltar	th	26	79	Malaga	s
Bermuda	s	30	86	Guernsey	r	16	61	Malta	s
Biarritz	r	21	70	Helsinki	c	12	54	Miquelrul	c
Bristol	r	16	61	Innsbruck	r	11	52	Moscow	r
Brussels	r	15	59	Istanbul	s	29	84	Munich	r
Budapest	r	19	66	Jersey	r	17	63	Nairobi	s
Cologne	r	13	55	L Palmas	s	24	75	New York	r
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Yesterday

London: Temp: Max, 7 am to pm, 14°C (57°F); min, 7 pm t 7 am, 10°C (50°F). Humidity, pm, 84 per cent. Rain, 24 hr t pm, 0.01in. Sun, 24 hr to 7 pm nil. Bar, mean sea level, 7 pm 1,016.4 millibars falling. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

At the resorts

24 hours to 6 pm, August 31

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max °C	Max °F	
E COAST					
Scarborough	—	—	15	59	Rain
Bridlington	—	—	16	61	Rain
Hornsea	—	—	16	61	Rain
Cleethorpes	—	—	17	63	Rain
Skegness	—	—	17	63	Rain
Clacton	—	—	17	63	Cloudy
Margate	—	—	17	63	Cloudy
Hunstanton	—	—	16	61	Rain
Cromer	—	—	16	61	Rain
Yarmouth	—	—	16	61	Rain
Lowestoft	—	—	16	61	Rain
Felixstowe	—	—	16	61	Rain
Southend	—	—	17	63	Cloudy
Sandown	—	—	17	63	Cloudy
Bournemouth	—	—	17	63	Cloudy
Exmouth	—	—	16	61	Rain
Torquay	—	—	18	64	Rain
W COAST					
Morecambe	—	—	15	59	Rain
Blackpool	—	—	15	59	Rain
Llandudno	—	—	15	59	Rain
Aberystwyth	—	—	15	59	Rain
Barmouth	—	—	15	59	Rain
Tenby	—	—	16	61	Rain
Newquay	—	—	17	63	Rain

Overseas selling prices

Austria	Sch	Denmark	Kr
Belgium	Fres	Finland	Fmk
Canada	$	France	Fr
Cyprus	£	Germany	Dm
Holland	Dfl	Hongkong	$
Italy	Lire	Japan	Yen
Malta	3p	Norway	Kr
Portugal	Esc	Spain	Pes
Sweden	Kr	Switzerland	Fr
US	$	Yugoslavia	Dm

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Unions open £1m fund as poll effort gathers momentum

From Paul Routledge
Labour Editor
Brighton

A trade union bandwagon aimed at securing the reelection of Labour gathered momentum yesterday on the eve of the TUC conference.

All but a handful of the TUC General Council declared support for the Trade Union Committee for Labour Victory and a £1m election campaign fund was opened.

Mr David Basnett, chairman of the TUC, announced that the General and Municipal Workers Union, of which he is general secretary, would give £100,000.

Other unions are expected to decide on big cash donations over the next few days.

The Unions are also establishing a public relations unit to counteract Conservative criticism of Labour's record and their leaders are to offer themselves as speakers in key marginal constituencies.

Referring to the suggestion of a Tory-union clash, Mr Basnett said: "The brief pre-electoral confrontation that has already taken place will arouse the suspicions of the electorate that if by any sad mischance a Tory government is elected the confrontation will continue. We are determined to win the election and we will."

Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, will take the lead in asking unionists to support the return of the Callaghan Administration with a working majority in Parliament. He will convey the general council's support next Tuesday for a motion tabled by the engineering workers proposing continuation of the TUC's "special relationship" with Labour.

Mr Murray, a member of the Labour Party, insisted yesterday that the motion was not an instruction to the unions or their members. "It is quite appropriate for the congress to form a view about the kind of government that would be the most helpful in advancing the interests of trade unionists", he said.

"This does not mean that the TUC becomes engaged in party politics. Of course the TUC is in politics, so is the CBI, and so is any organization that seeks to influence the Government to do things that will be in the interests of the members of that organization.

"There is no question of the TUC's applying a political test to unions that affiliate to it, just as there is no question of unions applying political tests to their members."

The TUC had a right to consider what kind of policies would be of greatest advantage to its members, and to express a view about which government would be more likely to adopt policies of that sort.

But the unions reserved the right to criticize the government of their choice. "When we say on balance we prefer a Labour government to a Conservative government, that does not mean to say that we endorse everything they do", Mr Murray said.

Mr Basnett, whose union has put a new office in London at the service of the Trade Union Committee for Labour Victory, will be among leaders to have talks next Wednesday with the party treasurer and Mr Ron Hayward, its general secretary. He said last night: "What the Tories are trying to do is divorce trade union members from their leaders. They have tried it before and they have failed. They will fail again."

Military presence 'essential' despite improvement in some statistics

Army dismay at suggestion of pulling out of Ulster

From Henry Stanhope
Defence Correspondent
Belfast

Major-General Richard Trant, Commander Land Forces in Northern Ireland, has added his voice to those of the Government and local politicians by insisting that the Army should, for the foreseeable future, remain on active service in Ulster.

He told a party of defence correspondents: "Although large parts of the province are peaceful and to that extent there is an air of normality, we are still confronted by a very effective, ruthless, revolutionary, paramilitary organization. To compete with this requires the full efforts of the police and military.

"While a great deal can be done by the application of law by conventional police methods, it also requires the whole range of military skills to back up their efforts."

Speculation about a withdrawal of troops has been renewed by a recent leading article in the *Daily Mirror* which advised the next government to work towards accomplishing that in five years' time.

The Army, in spite of being exposed to danger throughout what is for many soldiers a punishing 16-hour day, has reacted with dismay.

The slow decline in violence from the peak in 1972 continued last year, encouraging, not for the first time, a spirit of optimism around Christmas.



Troops of th Royal Artillery covering each other in Belfast.

Since then, however, a number of incidents have made commanders rein themselves to the prospect of a long and arduous campign.

Some of the statistics this year still reflect an improvement. Up to ugust, the number of civilian deaths stood at 37, compared with 69 for the whole of 1977 and the number of civilian inuries was 145, against 406.

But the amont of explosives used by the Provisional IRA so far has already exceeded the 8,000lb used in 977, indicating that it has succeded in opening a new "factry" for producing the AME Mix and Co-op Mix compounds that it mostly relies upon.

In the rural areas covered by the 3rd Brigade there have been 25 large culvert mines, which present bomb disposal teams with some of their worst jobs, against 22 in 1977. There has also been an unspecified increase in the use of radio-controlled bombs, which have killed three soldiers this year.

Security forces believe that the Provisionals in Dublin ordered a moratorium on the use of blast-incendiary devices, of which there were 80 in January alone, after the La Mon House restaurant fire in February, when 12 people died and 23 were injured.

Since May the Provisional explosives "officers" have returned. Their targets have been mainly troops and police, and official buildings, including pylons and railway bridges.

There is no shortage of weapons. One estimate is that the IRA has more than two weapons for every man in the border areas, where some of the most vicious and professional attacks have recently been made.

Nor is the IRA short of money. Although United States sources have diminished, more than £1m has been taken in armed robberies in the Irish Republic so far this year, which has had the effect of distracting the attention of the Irish police and troops from the Ulster border troubles.

What most worries the Army, however, is the tightly knit organization the IRA has perfected. Documents found in the Dublin house of Seamus Twomey, when he was arrested last December confirmed what military intelligence officers had long believed—that the Provisionals had developed an an advanced cellular structure active service units of four or five men, which are more difficult to neutralize than the old loose paramilitary "battalions" and "companies".

Recent incidents, including the mortar attack on the 42 Commando's dug-out in Crossmaglen, have won grudging admiration from soldiers. One known terrorist leader, recently arrested after three years on the run, remained silent after four days of police interrogation.

Mr Patrick McEntee, the postman who was kidnapped and killed by the Provisionals in June, was shot nine times. One of the two policemen who were killed shortly before that had three bullets pumped into his head when he was dead. The Army insists that to contend with such a fanatical spirit and psychopathic thirst for blood its presence in Ulster remains essential.

12 warders for trial on assault charges

From Ronald Kershaw
Hull

Thirteen prison officers charged with conspiracy to assault and beat prisoners at Hull jail during and after a riot there in 1976 appeared before Mr Ian Boyd, the Hull magistrate, yesterday.

Twelve of the defendants were committed for trial at York Crown Court. The thirteenth, Douglas Murray McCombe, aged 35, who was acting as assistant governor at Hull prison at the time, was further accused of neglect of duty by failing to report assaults on prisoners. His case was adjourned until September 19 for a date to be fixed for the hearing.

The 12 to appear at York are charged under section one of the Criminal Law Act, 1977. Mr McCombe is charged under section two, which means that evidence and witnesses will be produced at Hull Magistrates Court to see if there is a prima facie case to answer.

It is expected that between 80 and 90 witnesses will be called and the proceedings at York will last at least eight working weeks.

A request that the home addresses of the prison officers should not be read out in court was granted. Reporting restrictions were lifted.

In addition to Mr McCombe, the defendants are: Anthony Bumstead, aged 27; Malcolm Hadley Stevenson, aged 46; George Neville Clark, aged 40; Maurice Dudding, aged 47; Andrew Wilson, aged 27; Steven Hewson, aged 26; William Murray, aged 31; Barry Bennett, aged 35; Peter Leonard Watson, aged 26; Kevin Burns, aged 29; Michael John Riby, aged 28; and Ian Stuart Booth, aged 30. Bail was allowed.

The charge affecting all the prison officers said that on dates between August 30 and September 5, 1976, they conspired together with others to assault and beat prisoners detained at Hull prison.

The alleged offences are said to have occurred at the time of a riot at the prison which started on Tuesday, August 31, when there were 310 prisoners and 250 officers in the jail. Six prison officers were hurt.

Allegations of brutality were made by the prisoners and the Home Office ordered an inquiry, which was conducted by Det Supt Ronald Fagan, deputy head of Humberside CID, and lasted 18 months. He interviewed about six hundred people.

Asked in July the Home Office took the unusual step of not suspending the prison officers from duty but they were put on work that did not involve contact with prisoners.

Long delays predicted for weekend

Air travellers expecting long delays yesterday generally found most flights were on time. But airports which are still having to cope with the French air traffic controllers' dispute, were preparing for another bad weekend.

At Gatwick the British Airports Authority said: "By the weekend things could build up again."

At Luton, where most airlines had caught up with the backlog yesterday, the airport was making contingency plans for the weekend. At Glasgow and Manchester, however, there were still some long delays.

One flight to Madeira from Glasgow took off after a 24-hour delay, and two to Palma and Malaga were delayed from Wednesday night. "We expect this weekend's delays to run to 25 or 26 hours", the airport said.

At Manchester the authority said: "We doubt whether we can clear our backlog even with the breathing space we have got today". Delays might be up to 30 hours or more.

On the general situation, the Civil Aviation Authority was hopeful, however. "The peak of the summer traffic is beginning to tail off now and this weekend will probably not be as bad as last", it said.

Madrid, Aug 31.—A Spanish airport official today predicted ...g delays this weekend. "It might even be worse than anything we have had until now".—Reuter.

Call for more comfort in aircraft

Two senior American aircraft builders yesterday called on airlines to stop treating passengers in a cavalier fashion. They were speaking at a *Financial Times* world aerospace conference in London.

Mr Ray Anderson, chairman of Lockheed, whose company makes the Rolls-Royce powered TriStar, said airlines had done a good job in coping with the sudden and unexpected rise in passenger traffic. He knew the economic reasons for packing people into tight seats and cutting down on frills, but he hoped there was a "happy medium between luxurious accommodation and extreme austerity".

Air travel must always depend on public acceptance, Mr Anderson said. "We must find better ways to process reservafare structure and avoid the indignities of overbooking".

He questioned the need to keep fares down, without taking infinite care for the impact on passenger comfort, convenience and dignity.

Mr Tex Boullioun, president of Boeing, also called for an improvement in passenger handling and security.

He suggested research to discover what could be eliminated from airport arrival and departure areas. "Perhaps a broader segment of the population than the diplomatic community could qualify for special credentials, backed by governments, which would enable qualified travellers to move more freely



Milton Keynes, the new town in Buckinghamshire, has received an unusual present from its departing community artist Mrs Liz Leyh—a herd of concrete cows. The animals are "grazing" on an open space in the town near the main railway line to Euston.

Sir H. Plumb may return to politics

By Hugh Clayton
Agricultural Correspondent

Sir Henry Plumb, president of the National Farmers' Union of England and Wales, may decide not to stand for a further year in favour of rejoining the Conservative Party and seeking a seat in the European Parliament. He has made no decision yet.

"I make no bones about it. I want to do everything I can to bring about unity in Europe", Sir Henry said yesterday. "The big issue is agriculture, and the question is whether I can do more where I am or whether I could do more somewhere else."

He said he had had meetings in several parts of Britain about the impact of a strengthened European Parliament on farming and on Britain's membership of the EEC.

Sir Henry, aged 51, a Warwickshire dairy farmer, has been president of the centry pro-European organization today it is always careful to avoid adopting any party political stand. Sir Henry was reluctant to discuss his 20-year membership of the Conservative Party, which ended when he won national office in the union.

Although he was unopposed at the last presidential election of the union, which is one of the most influential lobbies in Britain, a successor has been groomed. He is Mr Richard Butler, aged 49, eldest son of Lord Butler of Saffron Walden and deputy president of the union since 1971.

Woman murder charge

Lawrence Wood, aged 21, a horse dealer of Winger in Durham, was ... Thursday by custody... at Sedgefield yesterday, charged with murdering Mrs Miriam Collins, aged 33.

Theft of 13,603 books alleged

Reginald Patterson, aged 75, of Ventnor Villas, Hove, was sent for trial by magistrates at Hove yesterday, charged with stealing 13,603 books valued at more than £54,000 from public libraries in Brighton and Hove over the past 10 years.

He was also accused of ...ealing 420 ... from libra... and £7 road lamps, valued ... £77, the property of the gas b... His wife, Dorothy, aged 73, ... also sent for trial charged with helping him to retain the books. Both were granted bail.

'Confusion stops disabled from getting home help'

By Robin Young
Consumer Affairs Correspondent

Many sick and disabled people are not receiving help at home because there so many different forms of support that confusion exists, a *Which?* campaign report published yesterday by the Consumers' Association says.

It states that people are generally unaware of services that are available, and that professionals charged with arranging and providing supportive services are often not clear about the full range of help available in particular cases, and about who is responsible.

There are 54 different forms of financial assistance and 18 types of supportive service available to disabled people from a total of 17 different kinds of agency.

In addition the report lists more than 50 kinds of aid and special equipment that can be provided in the home and says there are 340 national organizations dealing with the disabled.

An intensive study in the London Borough of Waltham Forest, however, showed that for almost all the services and several of the aids the people who were receiving them were outnumbered by those who were not but who felt they needed them.

The Consumers' Association research found that the services were not meeting the needs fully, "particularly the needs of people with long-term and fairly severe disabilities".

The survey suggests that between one fifth and two fifths of the severely disabled were receiving less support than they needed. It concludes that "a large minority of people with this kind of need do not receive the appropriate help at the right time and suffer avoidable distress of body, mind or both".

Several reasons are suggested, including poor publicity, but the main difficulty is that a professional from one branch of the health or social services does not automatically refer a person in need to another branch of the services.

The report says there is a communication gap between the health service and the social services.

The family doctor emerged as the one person the handicapped people would turn to in emergency. Yet referral between GPs and the social services appears to be haphazard".

It was exceptional for a GP to refer a patient to the local authority social services. Similarly people were discharged from hospital without being given any information how to get extra help at home.

Few people likely to benefit from contact with specialist voluntary organizations know of their existence.

Managing at Home—A Which? Campaign Report, Consumers' Association, 14 Buckingham Street, London, WC2N 6DS £5.

El Al murder case remand

Fahad Mihyi, aged 22, an Arab, appeared at Lambeth Magistrates' Court, London, yesterday, accused of murdering Init Gidron, an Israeli air hostess, in the Mayfair El Al attack. He was again remanded in custody, until next Thursday.

Twelve other people were also remanded in custody on various charges. Mr Mihyi was followed into the dock by a Lebanese girl student, aged 18, and an Algerian-born mechanic, aged 29, accused of conspiring to murder the Iraqi Ambassador in London.

Two Iraqis were accused of murdering a former Prime Minister of Iraq in London on July 9. An English father and son, aged 53 and 30, were charged with conspiring to kidnap a former Prime Minister of Libya and an ambassador to London.

Detained Indian seamen accept $700 settlement

By Craig Seton

The 16 seamen held in custody in Britain for 26 days after a pay dispute on their ship are to receive $700 each and a free flight home under a settlement announced yesterday.

The seamen, assistant stewards on a Greek passenger ship, were dismissed at Tilbury docks on August 5 for staging a sit-in to demand money they said was owed to them. They were taken ashore and detained by immigration officials because they had been refused permission to enter Britain.

The men were taken in handcuffs to Pentonville prison, London, where they stayed until Wednesday. Mr Merlyn Rees, the Home Secretary, then ordered their removal to a detention centre near Heathrow.

Their case was taken up by the Indian Government, the Indian Workers' Association in Britain and the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants, which said there had been irregularities in their detention.

The association said yesterday that the men would leave as soon as travel arrangements had been completed.

Employment of Italians at strike-hit airbase attacked

Mr Kenneth Weetch, Labour MP for Ipswich, has condemned the employment of six Italians at a United States airbase at Woodbridge, Suffolk, in an attempt to break a strike by importing foreign labour.

The decision to employ the Italians came after a six-week stoppage by steel erectors, plasters and welders building blast-proof aircraft shelters at the base. They maintained that piecework rates had been halved. Similar action is being taken at three other bases: Alconbury, Lakenheath and Bentwaters.

Pickets at Woodbridge had notices in Italian and English yesterday. The workers say the foreign labour was smuggled into the base through a non-picketed entrance.

Mr Weetch said efforts to find out from government departments what was happening had met a wall of silence.

He told the strikers yesterday that the reason was political. He read out a letter from the Department of the Environment advising that under EEC regulations there could be no objection to Italians working in Britain.

Mr Weetch, who gave a warning against violence, said EEC regulations were neither fair nor equitable and insensitive to the employment situation in an area like East Anglia. "I did not think this kind of situation could occur in industrial Britain in 1978."

Picketing was peaceful at Woodbridge yesterday. The police said nothing had happened to require intervention. The strikers are all employed by Cimolai, a subcontractor of Costain, whose employees are continuing to work at Woodbridge and Bentwaters.

All belong to the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers which wants the TUC to approach the Italian unions.

ITV 'shortsightedly buying off industrial trouble'

From Michael Church
Edinburgh

British television is contracting the Fleet Street disease, it was suggested by Mr Jeremy Bugler, a journalist, in a paper presented to the Edinburgh International Television Festival yesterday.

He argued that ITV managements are shortsightedly buying off industrial trouble with film crews by permitting overmanning and by allowing technicians and production assistants to exploit loopholes by which they increase their basic pay by amounts that are sometimes extraordinary.

One direct result was that crews working on programmes filmed on location, such as current affairs and drama, were more interested in the extra pay it represented than in the subjects they were filming. The almost unprofessional working relationship between a director and his or her crews exists on countless shows", he wrote. Directors of the *This Week* programme, when on hazardous assignments, frequently found themselves about the least well paid members of the film crews they controlled. Lighting cameramen could earn twice the salary of producers and directors.

Mr Bugler implicitly criticized the Association of Cinematograph, Television and Allied Technicians for "blacking" the new technological hardware, which could, if intelligently used, help to make television a more flexible and socially responsive medium than it was at present.

The programme makers, executives and writers at the festival proved deeply divided over this. Miss Sarah Boston, a freelance director, argued that the production process was at present so organized as to discourage crews from taking any interest in their products. Money and a good lunch were often their only tangible perk.

"The director is often the only person in the privileged position of being involved with the production all the way through", she said.

Mr Nicholas Garnham, head of media studies at the Central London Polytechnic, argued that the dynamics of capitalism are inexorably leading television companies to try to cut down on labour costs. It was hardly surprising that workers in the industry were not prepared to admit new technology which would result on the one hand in greater unemployment among technicians and on the other no increase in the number of programmes, which would just be more cheaply produced.

At an earlier session on the making of documentaries, Mr Garnham brought the discussion closer to home by observing that the BBC camera team who had been filming a session on the previous day appeared not to have sought the delegates' permission to do so.

He argued that while nobody in this particular instance was likely to suffer through any resultant exposure in the media, the issue was of great general importance. He called for the establishment of a code of practice by which the rights of everyone who was filmed would be safeguarded in law.

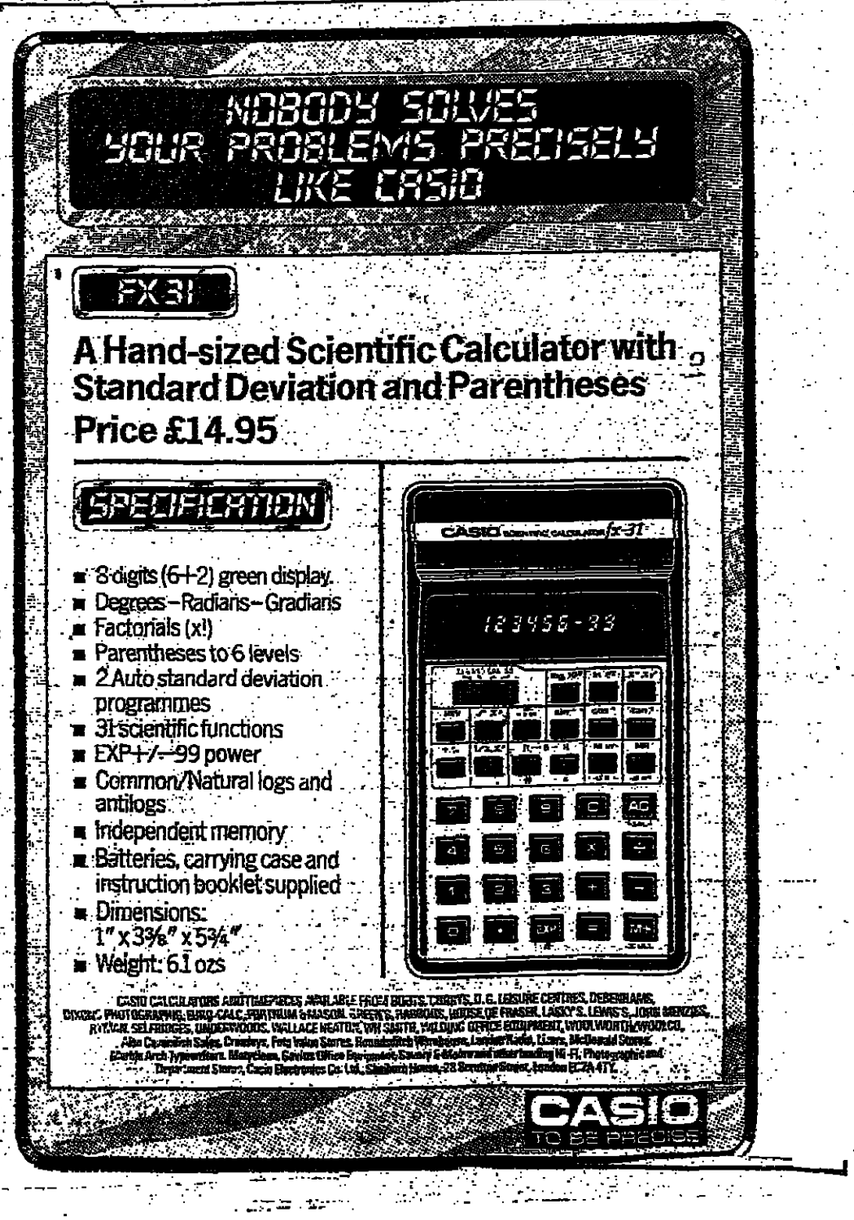
Some speakers said they feared that any new intrusion of the law might make their journalistic work more difficult than it already was, but Mr Garnham's proposal seemed to carry a fair measure of support.

'Time Out' lost in job dispute again

The second consecutive issue of the weekly magazine *Time Out* has been lost because of action by journalists and printers over the employment of an art editor at a salary above "parity", which is the rate (just under £5,000) paid to every fulltime staff member below management level.

The management says that, historically, the art editor has been considered a management member and been paid above parity.

The action is by members of the National Union of Journalists, the National Graphical Association and the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades.



WEST EUROPE

Top Spanish police officers are dismissed

From Harry Debelius
Madrid, Aug 31

The Spanish Interior Ministry dismissed two high-ranking police officers and suspended at least five others here today after the publication of a statement by the Police Association accusing the Government of weakness and criticizing the policy of "indiscriminate" pardons and amnesties.

The two men dismissed were Señor Gonzalo Cerrillo, the Commissioner-General for criminal records, and Señor José Luis Fernández Dopico, a department chief of the Subsecretariat of Public Order.

Señor Fernández Dopico is the director of the magazine *Policia Española* and Señor Cerrillo is the author of an article which the magazine published recently in the defence of a Canary Islands police chief who had been relieved of his assignment.

There was some confusion about the number of suspensions, with Police Association sources giving the figure of 14 and Interior Ministry sources naming only five but admitting that more names might be announced later.

Among those suspended were Señor Carlos Cabrerizo, the president of the Police Association, and Señor Gonzalo Martín García, a member of the board of governors of the association and the private secretary of a former Madrid police chief.

Meanwhile, the Basque separatist organization ETA admitted shooting one of their own men, named as Tomas Sulibarra, near Bilbao, yesterday because—the ETA claimed in a communiqué—he was a secret police agent.

Señor Sulibarra was in a serious condition in a Bilbao hospital today.

The military wing of ETA also announced in San Sebastian that Señor Rodolfo Martín Villa, the Interior Minister, Señor Manuel Fraga Iribarne, a former ambassador to London and MP, and Señor Manuel Ballesteros, the Bilbao police chief, were on their "execution list", along with several secret policemen identified only by their aliases.



The Pope receives congratulations from the doyen of the diplomatic corps accredited to the Holy See, Señor Julio Antonio Torres Arriola, the Ambassador of Guatemala.

Envoys told of Pope's twin roles

From Peter Nichols
Rome, Aug 31

The Pope today explained to the assembled diplomatic corps the unique mission and competence of the Holy See in international affairs.

He made it clear that he was far from being an expert in these matters. "Until now our ministry was limited to the dioceses entrusted to us and the pastoral duties that it entailed, around Vittorio Veneto". He was accordingly much less specific than Paul VI used to be on these occasions.

"Obviously we have no temporal goods to exchange, no economic interests to discuss, such as your states have. Our possibilities for diplomatic interventions are limited and of a special character. They do not interfere with the purely temporal, technical and political affairs, which are matters for your governments.

"In this way, our diplomatic missions to your highest civil authorities, far from being a survival from the past, are a witness to our deep-seated respect for lawful temporal power, and to our lively interest in the humane causes that the temporal power is intended to advance."

He saw the Holy See's role in international affairs on two levels. "It can be, if we are invited, participation by the Holy See as such, at the level of your governments, or the international entities, in the search for better solutions to the great problems at stake, such as detente, disarmament, peace, justice, humanitarian measures and aid, development and so on."

The second level of activity, the main one, was more specifically pastoral. "It is a matter of contributing through documents and commitments of the Apostolic See and of our collaborators throughout the Church, to forming consciences—chiefly the consciences of Christians but also those of men and women of goodwill, and through these forming a wider public opinion—regarding the fundamental principles that guarantee authentic civilization and real brotherhood between peoples.

"These principles are respect for one's neighbour, for his life and for his dignity, care for his spiritual and social progress, patience and the desire for reconciliation in the fragile building up of peace; in short all the rights and duties of life in society and international life as they have been set forth in the council's constitution *Gaudium et Spes* and in so many messages by Pope Paul VI."

The Pope went on: "Your countries are trying to build a modern civilization, dedicating to this task efforts that are often ingenious and generous and have our full understanding and encouragement, as long as they are in conformity with the moral laws written by the Creator in the human heart. But we have confidence in God's help. The Holy See will employ all its strength in that work. It also deserves your full interest."

OVERSEAS

Masai tribal elder takes part with Christians and Muslims in Jomo Kenyatta funeral service

From Charles Harrison
Nairobi, Aug 31

President Jomo Kenyatta, who died in Mombasa last week at the age of about 85, was laid to rest in Nairobi today before a gathering of African presidents, Government leaders and representatives of states and Governments throughout the world.

The Prince of Wales arrived early today from London to represent the Queen at the funeral. The heads of state of Liberia, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia and the Co-President of the Comoro Islands were all present.

President Idi Amin of Uganda, whose arrival had not been announced in advance, landed a few minutes after the Prince of Wales but did not meet him at the airport.

Later, at the funeral site, Prince Charles, in white naval uniform, narrowly missed having his hand seized by President Amin as he walked along the line of African presidents to his seat. He seized the hands of President Nyerere of Tanzania and President Kaunda of Zambia. But the Prince turned round to speak to another delegate seated behind him and so missed the attention of President Amin.

President Amin, dressed in a light-blue safari suit, was accompanied by his son Moses, aged six. His Irish-born aide, Major Bob Astl, also travelled to Nairobi with President Amin but was not seen with him at the funeral.

Light cloud covered Nairobi when the oak coffin, made in Britain, was placed on a gun carriage, led by the Royal Horse Artillery and flown from London, for the two-mile journey from State House to Parliament building where a mausoleum had been built in the past week.

The sun broke through as the long cortege including President Daniel Arap Moi and members of the Government, as well as members of the Kenyatta family, arrived at the burial site, preceded by a military band and a guard of honour. Thousands of Kenyans lined the route.

Contrary to earlier reports, the coffin was not fitted with a glass top. The mausoleum has glass sides and there are four flaming torches at the corners of its roof.

American-built F5 jet fighter aircraft of the Kenya Air Force swooped in salute as the coffin began its last journey. They gave a further salute as the ceremony neared its close. A 21-gun salute was followed by the sounding of the Last Post and Reveille by men of the Kenya Army.

Christian, Muslim and traditional African leaders took part in the inter-denominational service at the burial. A Masai tribal elder, dressed in a skin cloak with a plume of feathers on his head, represented Kenya's traditional beliefs.

In his sermon, the Very Rev Charles Kareri, retired Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of East Africa, gave a warning against destroying President Kenyatta's achievements. "We must watch against the fierce wolves who will not wish to spare Kenya nor the good deeds and the legacy left by Mzee", he said.

The Anglican Bishop of Mount Kenya, the Right Rev David Gitari, prayed for smooth and peaceful party elections and for the insight for Kenyans to choose the right successor to President Kenyatta so that the leadership of the nation should continue undisturbed. "Protect us from any ill wind, both within and without our borders", he said.

Mr Moi delivered a eulogy to the man who, he said, dedicated his life to the service of all Kenyans. "He inspired us to resist subjection."

President Kenyatta's ideal of the liberation of all of Africa had not yet been achieved. Colonialism still existed in parts of it. "How many more lives must be devoted to the elimination of these ills?" Mr Moi asked.

President Kenyatta had championed justice and equality, respect for human dignity and the preservation of Kenya's culture.

In another eulogy, Mr Fred Mati, the Speaker, called President Kenyatta "the legendary warrior who grabbed the lion by the paw and set his people free".

Kenya is marking the funeral with three days of public holidays and central Nairobi was today almost deserted apart from cars bearing guests to and from the ceremony.

The mourning crowds were good-natured and no incidents were reported. Large numbers who were unable to catch a glimpse of the ceremonies could listen to commentaries on loudspeakers or watch the many television sets installed to relay the events.

Mr Morarji Desai, the Indian Prime Minister, and General Ziaul-Haq the Pakistan military ruler, arrived early today.

President Kenyatta's widow, Mama Ngina was present together with the other members of the family. His English-born wife, Edna, who lives in Sussex, was said to be ill and unable to attend the funeral. Some of the President's eight children walked alongside the coffin.

The body was taken last night to President Kenyatta's country home at Gatundu, outside Nairobi. It stayed there overnight and was returned early today to State House from where the funeral procession started.

After the funeral ceremony President Amin decided to walk the half-mile to his hotel refusing the official car assigned to him.

He was accompanied by a mounted police escort, but hundreds of Kenyans quickly surrounded him and he strode at the head of an excited cheering throng.

When he reached his hotel the crowd refused to disperse and stood around hoping for another glimpse of him. Extra police were called to control the crowd.

US 'testing response' to West Bank peace force

From Michael Knipe
Jerusalem, Aug 31

The United States has informally approached Australia, New Zealand and Canada about establishing an international peacekeeping force for the West Bank and Gaza Strip, according to an Israeli report from Washington.

It quotes well placed sources as saying that each of the countries indicated "certain receptiveness" to the idea which, it said, could help guarantee security in the region. United States officials have apparently also been in touch with Dr Kurt Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary-General, on the subject.

President Carter is expected to raise the idea with Mr Menachem Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, and President Anwar Sadat of Egypt when they meet at Camp David, Maryland, next week. According to the American sources, President Sadat is expected to agree to a peacekeeping force at least for a transitional period, but Israel's reaction is considered less predictable.

Under the American concept, the international force would not necessarily replace Israel's military presence on the West Bank and Gaza during an interim period of five years or possibly longer. But the United States would like to see Israel withdraw most of its troops from the populated areas.

Israel is not expected to reject an expanded American presence in Sinai. It is also being suggested that the United States might be considering stationing naval ships permanently in Haifa and Alexandria to defend Western oil routes.

Concern over Lebanon remains high in Israel and there is speculation that because of it Mr Ezer Weizman, the Minister of Defence, may not leave for the United States with the rest of the delegation on Sunday. Mr Begin intends to talk about Lebanon directly with President Carter at the summit meeting.

CDU launches assault on Schmidt Government

From Patricia Clough
Bonn, Aug 31

The opposition Christian Democratic Party (CDU) today launched a massive attack on Herr Schmidt, opening what promises to be a "hot" political autumn in West Germany.

Dr Helmut Kohl, the leader of the Opposition, and four of his deputy chairmen appeared before the press to accuse the large number of domestic issues ranging from the economy to the alarmingly low birth rate.

"State visits" (Bonn has received President Brezhnev, the Queen, President Carter and Mr Pierre Trudeau of Canada this summer) "and spectacular summits cannot help it out of the shambles in its internal policy", Dr Kohl declared.

The occasion for the press conference was ostensibly the half-way mark of the present legislature but it was the present with the holiday period over, the Christian Democrats were throwing themselves into the campaigns for two important *Land* elections this October in Bavaria and Hesse.

The Hesse election, in particular, is of national importance. If the CDU manage to oust the ruling Social Democrat-Free Democrat coalition there they will gain a two-thirds majority in the Bundesrat, the federal Upper House, which is composed of *Land* representatives.

This would give them power to block government legislature and it has been suggested that the Chancellor might eventually be forced to call fresh elections.

Meanwhile, Herr Schmidt will have his work cut out to push through Parliament the economic measures drawn up to fulfil his promises made at the recent Bonn economic summit. The Christian Democrats, who already have a slight majority in the Bundesrat, and some sections of his own party object to various points.

The appearance of Dr Kohl accompanied by four of his deputies was partly calculated to show an active, determined and united leadership after criticisms from prominent party members about the way it is being run. One of the principal critics, Professor Kurt Biedenkopf, who belongs to Dr Kohl.

Dr Kohl, accused the Government of being forced to "political immobility and retrogression" by a small number of its left-wing Social Democratic dissidents who exploit its tiny majority in Parliament.

Portuguese foreign policy 'to follow same course'

From Jose Shercliff
Lisbon, Aug 31

While the Cabinet of Senhor Alfredo Nobre da Costa was preparing its programme to be presented to Parliament next week, ministers made public declarations.

Senhor Carlos Correia Gago, the Foreign Minister, Senhor Antonio Costa Leal (Labour), and Senhor Acacio Pereira Magro (Social Affairs) have been denounced by the right wing as having communist or neo-communist affiliations.

Interviewed by the newspaper *Diario de Noticias*, Senhor Gago said: "My presence in the Government is based on the absolute independence I have always maintained towards all other political parties. However, I am not a man without ideas or political convictions, nor am I disposed to give them up.

"This has not been asked of me, and this is the reason why I agreed to join a team which can do great service to the democratic institutions."

Asked about the new Government's foreign policy, Senhor Gago said that it would substantially follow that of this Government of Dr Mario Soares. He had no doubt about Portugal remaining in Nato because "the only possible way to defend the security of the zone in which our country is situated is a collective one".

Foreign policy will be determined by the country's economic needs, the need to open new export markets, and Portugal's desire to cooperate with its former African colonies.

Referring to the negotiations on Portugal's entry into the EEC, which are to resume in October, Senhor Gago said that he was "profoundly European".

Senhor Costa Leal, said in the right-wing weekly publication *Tempo* today: "I am a left-wing man", but "I have no connexion with the Communist Party or the Popular Democratic Movement (a group considered close to the Communists)" He also denied any connexions with the Centrists, the Social Democrats and the Socialist Party.

Death of President Wrathall

From Our Correspondent
Salisbury, Aug 31

President John Wrathall, of Rhodesia died early today from an appent heart attack. He was 65.

Mr Wrathall was sworn in as the second titular head of state (the Rhodesian Republic on January 1, 1976, in succession to Mr Clifford Dupont.

Lieutenant-Colonel Henry Evera, a retired Rhodesia Railways commissioner, who has deputized frequently in the past for the President, is expected to take over as acting President until a successor is appointed.

Under the internal agreement signed on March 3 by Mr Ian Smith, the Prime Minister, and the three African nationalist leaders, Bishop Abel Muzorewa, the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole, and Chief Jeremiah Chirau, a new President is to be appointed after the introduction of a majority rule constitution on January 1 next year.

Colonel Everard may be appointed for the intervening four-month period but in view of the uncertainty about an election being held before the end of the year, provided for in the Salisbury agreement, Colonel Everard may be considered to be too old at 81, and instead Sir Hugh Beadle, a former Chief Justice of Rhodesia, who is 73, may well be appointed.

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Black editor is charged under censorship rules

From Our Correspondent
Salisbury, Aug 31

The editor of Rhodesia's only black daily newspaper, the *Zimbabwe Times*, appeared in a Salisbury court today charged with evading military censorship.

Mr Herbert Munangatire, the first journalist to be so charged as accused of publishing security information without official permission, publishing a false statement and publishing a statement likely to cause alarm and despondency. He was granted bail until a hearing on October 3.

Rhodesia's skilled blacks wait to step in when whites leave, but are there enough to prevent disaster?

Why Zimbabwe fears an exodus

From Nicholas Ashford
Salisbury, Aug 31

Can an independent Zimbabwe survive a white exodus? This question is being asked increasingly as Rhodesia approaches the December 31 independence deadline set by the internal agreement and the Anglo-American settlement plan, amid fading prospects for a peaceful solution.

During the first six months of this year there was a net outflow from Rhodesia of 3,676 whites. Although this was more than 2,000 fewer than the same period last year, a sharp increase is expected during the next four months.

Exactly how big the increase is will depend on how the political and military situation develops between now and the end of the year. Many whites are taking the precaution of getting their families out before December 31, or are taking holidays outside the country at that time.

According to Dr Louise Broby, a visiting lecturer at the University of Rhodesia, given the most favourable political circumstances, the white population is likely to have fallen to between 230,000 and 240,000 by December 31, compared with 263,000 at the end of last year.

In the event of a settlement along the lines of the Anglo-American plan, which would involve the participation of the Patriotic Front guerrilla organization, a more significant white departure could be expected. According to a study prepared by the Catholic Institute for International Relations, up to 25 per cent of the white population (65,000 people) might leave.

A military takeover by the Patriotic Front would lead to an almost total white exodus, not only because Europeans would fear for their lives, but because it would almost certainly mean an end to Rhodesia's lucrative free-enterprise system.

The Rhodesian style of capitalism, with its built-in privileges for whites, is one of the main reasons why Europeans were attracted to the country and why so many have been prepared to put up with the increasing discomfort of the guerrilla war.

None of the black nationalist leaders denies the important economic role played by the whites. The black members of the interim Government have gone out of their way to soothe white fears about what majority rule might entail, simply because they are aware of the serious effects the withdrawal of their skills would have on the economy. Even Mr Robert Mugabe, joint head of the Patriotic Front and the most radical of the black African leaders, has recognized the need to retain white skills.

According to the Whitsun Foundation, a Salisbury-based development institute, the sudden departure of more than 10 per cent of the white population would have very serious consequences for an independent Zimbabwe. Dr Broby, without being specific in terms of numbers, believes that the cost in terms of a disrupted economy caused by a loss of white skilled manpower would be "inestimable".

She points to spheres such as mining, public service and health where it would not be possible to find black replacements for white specialists.

Certain professions are already becoming seriously depleted. Many doctors, accountants and engineers were among those who left during the first six months of this year.

Dr Broby does not believe the gap could be satisfactorily filled by white expatriates. She points out that in Zambia, where 41 per cent of the pre-independence total of 74,000 whites had left within four years of independence, expatriates had failed dismally in training black Zambian replacements.

In Dr Broby's view the economy need not suffer too badly from an increase in white emigration, so long as the effect of the exodus is mitigated by a new generation of skilled blacks. The pace of the white exodus, she believes, will depend on the pace of political change in an independent Zimbabwe.

However, some blacks argue that a substantial outflow of whites, far from having a detrimental effect, would be desirable to provide jobs for skilled and semi-skilled Africans.

An independent Zimbabwe will undoubtedly have a large pool of underused black skills to draw on. It is estimated that there are about 4,500 black university graduates living outside Rhodesia, and more than half of the 1,612 students attending the University of Rhodesia are African. About a third of enrolments at Bulawayo Technical College and Salisbury polytechnic are black. Last year alone about 2,000 black schoolleavers had obtained some form of higher education.

Among skilled and semi-skilled workers, however, Rhodesia has been slow to encourage black advancement, although there has been a considerable improvement in the past two years with the approach of majority rule and the need to replace whites called up for military service.

Of 4,019 apprentices in training at present, only 814 are Africans. Half of all building apprentices are black, compared with one in 30 in the aircraft industry.

On the whole, Rhodesian employers have been slow to advance their black staff, particularly in the public service. There have been some notable exceptions, especially with the big international mining houses such as Anglo American and Rio Tinto-Zinc. For instance, at the Rhodesian Nickel Corporation's Trojan mine at Bindura, blacks are already well advanced, in terms of both equal pay and promotion.

"We have been looking at the possibility of a loss of white skills for some time and I think we are now in a position to cope with a pretty dramatic exodus if it should take place", Mr Tim Wadeson, the mine's general manager, said.

Like many Rhodesian whites, Mr Wadeson emphasizes the need to avoid the mistakes made by Zambia when it became independent.

It will be the political solution—or lack of one—which will finally decide how many whites decide to stay or leave.

Barre order to prevent attacks on journalists

From Ian Murray
Paris, Aug 31

M Raymond Barre, the French Prime Minister, has instructed the Minister of the Interior to enforce strong measures to prevent bomb attacks on journalists. The move came after an explosion early today at the home of M Yves Mourousi, a prominent television presenter.

An explosive device had been placed in the block of flats where M Mourousi lives in the boulevard Suchet, in the sixteenth arrondissement. The explosion ripped M Mourousi's flat apart.

On July 14 the flat of M Jean Dutourd, a critic and writer, was also damaged by a powerful bomb. M Dutourd is an occasional columnist in the evening newspaper *France Soir* and shortly before the attack he had written a column criticizing Soviet treatment of dissidents.

An organization calling itself the Franco-Arab Refusal Section has claimed responsibility for both attacks. In a statement telephoned today to Agence France-Presse, a spokesman said that M Dutourd had failed to be warned by the attack on his flat.

The section claiming responsibility for the attacks is a mystery but the wording of the statement is somewhat similar to that made by a group calling itself the "Avengers of Peiper" after a former SS Colonel, Joachim Peiper who was murdered on July 14, 1976. He took up residence in France on his release from a life sentence for war crimes.

The police believe the group could well be involved as the attack on M Dutourd's flat occurred on the anniversary of Colonel Peiper's death.

Swedes protest to Poland at politician's expulsion

From Our Correspondent
Stockholm, Aug 31

Sweden today protested at what was described as the expulsion from Poland of a prominent Swedish politician invited by the Warsaw Government for a one-week official visit.

Mr Per Ahlmark, until last year the Deputy Prime Minister, said he was expelled yesterday upon arrival at Warsaw airport when it was learnt that his two travelling companions who were to serve as translators were former Polish citizens of Jewish extraction.

"It is like the 1930s", Mr Ahlmark said today. "In Poland they have one queue for Jews and another queue for everyone else."

In the late 1960s a number of Polish Jews emigrated to Sweden and have since become Swedish citizens. The Warsaw Government has forbidden them, with few exceptions, to return.

Mr Ahlmark, former chairman of the Swedish Liberal Party, had been invited to Warsaw in his capacity as chairman of the Swedish Film Institute.

The Polish Ambassador in Stockholm was summoned this morning to the Foreign Ministry, where he said he was unaware of the incident, according to Swedish sources.

The centre-right Government of Mr Thorbjorn Falldin then issued a statement saying it was "unacceptable that a normal exchange of people between Sweden and Poland cannot occur as a consequence of the Polish position directed against certain Polish citizens who reside in Sweden". The incident also violated an agreement abolishing visas.

Mr Ahlmark told reporters that his two translators were the first to present their Swedish passports at Warsaw airport, they were informed that they were not welcome and were refused entry.

Mr Ahlmark had then stepped forward and told the officials that he would not enter Poland unless his friends were admitted. "You are welcome to go", they replied.

While serving in the Government Mr Ahlmark was a strong champion of Israel, even when Sweden moved towards a pro-Palestinian position.

Heavy fines in S Africa for currency offences

From Our Correspondent
Johannesburg, Aug 31

Three South African businessmen were given heavy fines today for contravening exchange control laws in the middle of a growing scandal over illicit currency deals.

Yesterday Charles Fiddian Green, chairman of Rennies Consolidated Holdings, a subsidiary of the Hongkong-based Jardine Matheson conglomerate, was fined 10,000 rand (about £7,500) for a currency offence.

Three other businessmen were today fined 1,000 rand each for helping Mr Fiddian Green to sell foreign currency.

The three were Owen Leroy, aged 46, a former stockbroker who now runs a trout hatchery; Christopher Melville, aged 42, managing director of Anglo American Corporation's property division and an alternate director of the conglomerate; and Peter Wilson, aged 43, managing director of a Johannesburg stockbroking firm. All pleaded guilty.

Last week the non-executive chairman of Rennies Consolidated, Gordon Rennie, was found in a Johannesburg hotel with his throat and wrists cut, and taken to hospital, where he is now out of danger. He was charged with contravening exchange controls in a special court sitting at his bedside.

Mr Fiddian Green was found guilty of cashing in funds he held in London for South African currency, and bringing in 59,000 rand, plus about 15 per cent on the deal, without declaring the transaction to the Reserve Bank. The court held that, although the offence did not constitute a loss to South Africa's economy, the Reserve Bank had to have control on currency movements.

The three men in court today were said to have been involved in the deal and to have made about 2,000 rand between them.

British canoeist in Himalayan venture drowns

Islamabad, Aug 31.—Dr Michael Jones, a British canoeist, has drowned on an expedition to explore the rivers of the Himalayas, a team member said today.

He said Dr Jones, aged 26, of Keighley, Yorkshire, capsized while trying to help another team member and was swept over fierce rapids. The accident occurred near the village of Askole on August 23.

The British expedition has called off its attempt to canoe down the Braldu river from its source in the Karakoram mountains to its junction with the Indus. Some of the team returned to Britain today.—Reuter.

Tribute: Chris Bonington, the British climber, said: "I have lost a good friend. He was a terrific canoeist, perhaps the best in the world on white water."

Parliamentary official taken ill in Australia

Canberra, Aug 31.—Sir Peter Henderson, Clerk of the Parliaments, was taken to hospital here last night for treatment of an illness connected with a wound received at the battle of Anzio during the Second World War.

Sir Peter, who is 56, is in Australia to attend the Commonwealth Speakers' conference in Canberra.

He has been Clerk of the Parliaments since 1974 and is married with four children. No report was available on his condition.—AP.

Guerrilla chief caught

La Paz, Aug 31.—Oswald Peredo, the Bolivian guerrilla leader who heads the organization founded by the late Ernesto "Che" Guevara, has been captured after a robber police announced today.

Iceland coalition ends crisis

Reykjavik, Aug 31.—Mr Olafur Johannesson, head of the Progressive Party, announced today that he had formed a centre-left coalition Government after a six-week political crisis in Iceland.

Joining the Progressive Party were the communist People's Alliance and the Social Democrats. Issue of the American base in Iceland, which the People's Alliance opposes, was left to one side.—Agence France-Presse.

Whale on beach

Ostend, Aug 31.—The carcass of a 60ft sperm whale was found today on the beach at Zeebrugge.

Danish strikes over restraints

Copenhagen, Aug 31.—A wave of strikes greeted Denmark's new coalition Government and its plans for new restraints on the economy today.

Shipyard strikes spread and union leaders predicted more unrest over the plan to raise value-added tax and freeze prices, wages and profits.—Reuter.

Snow in Black Forest

Bonn, Aug 31.—Snow, hail and near-zero temperatures greeted summer holiday-makers in the Black Forest and Bavaria today. Nuremberg had its coldest August day for a century; ground frost was reported this week in Bavaria.

Extradition of E German hijacker rejected

From Our Correspondent
Berlin, Aug 31

Detlef Alexander Tiede, the hijacker of a Polish airliner that landed in West Berlin yesterday, will not be extradited, the American State Department has decided. The airliner landed in the American sector of the city.

But whether Herr Tiede, a waiter, will be tried for the hijacking by an American court in West Berlin or by a West German court has not been decided. Seven East German passengers who decided to stay in West Berlin after the hijacking are being processed as refugees by West Germany.

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Mr Myron Farber, the New York Times reporter jailed for refusing to hand over his notes to a court trying a murder case, giving a victo ry sign after being freed on the order of the New Jersey Supreme Court.

Hundreds flee Nicaragua rebel city in fear of bloodbath

Managua, Aug 31.—Hundreds fled the northern Nicaraguan city of Matagalpa today after rebels manned barricades ready for street battles with National Guard troops.

"The people are evacuating the city. Everyone wants to leave", according to Red Cross officials. They said over the telephone that the atmosphere in the city was very tense and there were fears of a bloodbath.

Meanwhile, the general strike called to force the removal of President Anastasio Somoza seemed to be losing ground today.

No reliable figures were available on the effectiveness of the strike, but only about half of the shops in the centre of the capital were closed yesterday and most businesses elsewhere in Managua were open.

The strike was called a week ago by politicians opposed to President Somoza and was later supported by the confederation of chambers of commerce and the Nicaraguan Development Institute, the two leading associations of businessmen and industrialists.

The Archbishop of Managua, Mgr Miguel Obando y Bravo, has failed in an attempt to stop the fierce fighting in Matagalpa and returned to the capital to try to see the President. The number of deaths confirmed by the Government or the Red Cross has risen to 38 since August 22, when left-wing guerrillas took over the Congress building, but accounts from Matagalpa indicate that the toll is much higher, with many bodies lying in the streets.

The Red Cross, prevented by heavy crossfire from reaching the dead and wounded, appealed yesterday for a two-hour truce in Matagalpa, but the two sides —National Guards and more than 500 students who occupy two thirds of the city—ignored the appeals and continued fighting. Hospitals were crowded with scores of wounded, residents said.

The student rebels, many said to be as young as 11 years old, have declared Matagalpa a "free territory," and are being offered food, water and shelter by the townspeople.

An Associated Press photographer, Valente Cotera, who followed the archbishop into Matagalpa yesterday after National Guard men agreed to hold their fire, said the people ran into the streets to remove the barricades.

"All of them were armed, mostly with handguns. We finally reached a blocked intersection, where we were stopped by people who said they did not want a ceasefire and that it was just a National Guard trick to test their position."

The National Guard troops in Matagalpa are commanded by President Somoza's son, Major Anastasio Somoza Portocarrero. The townspeople claim that the troops hold only the Army barracks and some suburban areas.—Reuter, AP and UPI.

UN talks on Namibia plan delayed

New York, Aug 31.—Western members of the United Nations Security Council today failed to secure an early start to the process of approving the proposed United Nations operation to help bring Namibia (South-West Africa) to early independence.

After a private meeting of the Council, delegates said there would be further consultations tomorrow and the Council would not go into public session before Tuesday at the earliest.

One African member said Wednesday was soon enough and another was reported to favour postponing the start of discussion until the end of next week.

The United States, Britain, France, Canada and West Germany were said to have proposed that the Council meet in public on Monday.

Western nations favour speedy approval and implementation of the Namibia operation.

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Death by injection: Mary Lou Anderson (above) has been sentenced to death by injection at Wharton, Texas, for hiring an assassin to shoot her father and stepmother.

Death by injection of sodium thiopenthal has been a judicial penalty in Texas for a year, but it may never be enforced. No one has been executed in the United States since Gary Gilmore two years ago.

Cuba to allow prisoners to leave for US

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, Aug 31

Cuba is to release hundreds of political prisoners for sanctuary in the United States. The decision was welcomed in Washington today "as a favourable development in the area of human rights".

Mr Griffin Bell, the Attorney General, said a first batch of 48 prisoners and 30 dependants would be screened by American officials in Havana during the coming weeks to ensure that no spies or other undesirables are allowed into the United States.

According to State Department officials, the prisoners, all Cuban, have been jailed over the years for anti-Castro or counter-revolutionary actions or beliefs. Up to 1,000 prisoners are thought to be covered by the amnesty. Some are still in jail, others have already been released unconditionally and the remainder are on parole.

A State Department spokesman said the Cuban decision had been taken unilaterally without any *quid pro quo*

Korchnoi postpones game but will play tomorrow

From Harry Golombek
Chess Correspondent
Baguio, Aug 31

Viktor Korchnoi once again called off the eighteenth game of the world championship today and thus used up the last of his three time-offs. He will have no right to a further postponement unless the match lasts for 24 games.

Korchnoi is still in Manila, convinced that his recent defeats have been entirely due to the machinations of Dr Vladimir Zoukhar, the Soviet parapsychologist. He was confirmed in this belief by a letter sent to his seconds by a psychologist at Cambridge University.

In Manila, Korchnoi consulted Father Jaime Bulateo, a Jesuit priest and professor of parapsychology at the Ateneo (Manila University), who advised him that a one-way mirror could be put between the players and the spectators to counteract Dr Zoukhar's influence.

At a televised press conference yesterday Korchnoi declared that he would abandon the match unless such a mirror was installed. This came as a shock to his second, Raymond Keene, who had been left behind in Baguio with full powers to act on Korchnoi's behalf and by cool diplomacy had persuaded the Karpov delegation that Dr Zoukhar should be seated in decent obscurity to one side of the auditorium.

This morning the challenger's other seconds, Michael Stean and Jascha Murei, went to Manila with Colonel Edmundsson, the secretary of the jury, and persuaded Korchnoi to accept a compromise and return to the match.

Baguio, Aug 31.—A joint statement issued today by the players' representatives said Dr Zoukhar would sit at the end of the hall and, in return, Korchnoi would not wear his mirrored spectacles "which handicap Mr Karpov's eyesight". Korchnoi had withdrawn his demand for a mirror screen between the players and the spectators.—AP.

Blood-stained minister tells Indian MPs of stoning

From Richard Wigg
Delhi, Aug 31

Mr Atal Bihari Vajpayee, India's External Affairs Minister, had to have five stitches in his forehead today after being stoned by a group of 30 young men who had joined in student demonstrations here.

Doctors who attended the minister at a Delhi hospital said he had to rest for 48 hours. Mr Vajpayee, aged 51, is to make an official visit to Nepal at the weekend.

The students' demonstrations were against police handling of the brutal murder of the teenage son and daughter of an Indian naval officer here last weekend.

Mr Vajpayee appeared in Parliament with his white *kurta* (homespun shirt) spattered with blood to give details of the attack before going to hospital. He said he had gone to a protest meeting because the demonstrators were demanding that a Cabinet minister hear their complaints against the police.

Afterwards, the attack immediately became politicized with supporters of the governing Janata Party accusing Mrs Indira Gandhi's Congress faction of having sent in their toughs to embarrass the Government, which had already condemned the murders in both houses of Parliament.

A spokesman for Mrs Gandhi's faction described the accusation as "fantastically mischievous". Police have arrested two students.

The killings have provoked near hysteria in the Indian capital where inhabitants have for months been protesting about law and order problems and alleged police inefficiency and laxness.

Three die as troops fire on Iran rioters

From Our Correspondent
Teheran, Aug 31

At least three people died in Iran today as anti-Government rioting continued.

Two of the deaths were in Mashad, a holy centre in the east, where reports said police and troops closed a religious school where a mourning ceremony for victims of rioting last month was being turned into an anti-Government meeting.

When tear gas failed to disperse the crowds the security forces fired on them. The other death occurred when police fired on rioters.

The Government, meanwhile, said today it had made more arrests in connexion with the cinema fire in Abadan 12 days ago which killed 377 people. Amid the unrest the Shah and Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, the Chinese leader, held their second and last round of talks.

In brief

Couple admit Hearst kidnap

Oakland, California, Aug 31.—William and Emily Harris, who have admitted to being members of the Symbionese Liberation Army, have pleaded guilty to kidnapping Miss Patricia Hearst, the newspaper heiress, in 1974.

The Harrises are serving five-year prison sentences for an armed robbery of a Los Angeles store in 1974, in which Miss Hearst, who is serving a seven year sentence, participated.

Kidnap victim dies

Mexico City, Aug 31.—Señor Hugo Margain Jr, the kidnapped son of Mexico's Ambassador to the United States, bled to death after being shot in the leg during his abduction from the University of Mexico on Tuesday evening, police sources said after discovery of his body today.

Nixon visit declined

Canberra, Aug 31.—The Australian Government has turned down a request by former President Richard Nixon to meet Mr Malcolm Fraser, the Prime Minister, next month, senior Government sources said.

Shcharansky appeal

Ottawa, Aug 31.—A Montreal lawyer retained by the wife of Mr Anatoly Shcharansky, the jailed Soviet dissident, has lodged an appeal against the sentence with the Soviet Embassy here.

Publications ban

Cape Town, Aug 31.—All publications and objects issued by the British Anti-Apartheid Movement have been banned in South Africa by the Government.

China-Iran pact

Teheran, Aug 31.—China and Iran signed a cultural exchange agreement at the end of a three-day visit by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng.

Warsaw Pact widens tank lead

By Henry Stanhope
Defence Correspondent

The Soviet Union has widened the gap between Nato and the Warsaw Pact armies by raising the number of its tanks from 43,000 to 50,000 during the past year.

The International Institute for Strategic Studies whose annual survey *The Military Balance 1978-79*, is published today, says that the Russians are producing the new, much improved T72 tank at the rate of "well over 2,000" a year.

The total for other armoured vehicles, including troop carriers, has also gone up, from 47,000 to 55,000.

Instead of throwing away their older tanks and armoured vehicles, however, the Soviet Union is thought to be creating a stockpile to be sold or given to friendly powers. There is also evidence that they are using them to create "equipment divisions" manned by reservists—and additional to the 171 regular divisions.

The Russians now have 100 SS20 intermediate range nuclear missiles.

The total for medium and intermediate missiles of all kinds has risen from 620 to 690 during the year, and the number of nuclear warheads is thought to be around 900, because the SS20 has multiple independent warheads (MIRV).

The introduction of modern aircraft to the Soviet tactical air force has continued, with 200 MiG23/27 (Flogger) and 70 SU19 (Fencer A) added during the year.

By contrast Nato's tank strengths have remained about the same, leaving the Pact armies with a clear three-to-one advantage in northern and central Europe. The Western allies have not yet made up their minds on the modernization of their tactical nuclear missiles either.

The Tornado, however, should "improve considerably" the range and payloads of allied aircraft when it comes into service in Britain, West Germany and Italy during the next two years.

There has also been a "marked increase" in Anti-Tank Guided Weapons (ATGW). More than 2,000 ATGW launchers and 18,000 actual missiles are due to enter service with Nato's European armies in 1978.

The Institute now thinks it unlikely that the Russians could throw in their divisions in the eastern regions of the Soviet Union in a war against Nato—mainly because they could not risk laying bare their Asian frontiers to the Chinese—and as a result the number of divisions which could reinforce Warsaw Pact operations is reduced from 141 to 99.

Its conclusion is that, in spite of concern over the momentum of the Soviet arms build-up, "the overall balance still appears to make military aggression seem unattractive."

The Military Balance also underlines the growth of armaments in the Third World.

The Institute says that some countries are buying more advanced weapons than they could possibly handle.

The Military Balance (1978-79) (IISS, 18 Adam Street, London WC2N 6AL, £3).

FOREIGN REPORT

Wait and see policy on Camp David

Jordanians pessimistic over summit but unwilling to risk involvement

No one in Jordan is optimistic about the Camp David summit. Though many wish President Sadat of Egypt well, they do not see any likelihood of his bringing back an Israeli commitment to full withdrawal, nor any signs of American willingness to exert enough pressure to ensure this. At worst, Jordan fears a breakdown of talks followed by a rapid drift to war; at best, a concealed disappointment.

Apart from the three participants, Jordan has a greater direct interest in the outcome of the meeting than any other country. Yet Jordan has shown a cautious reticence about the whole affair. While there has been no public disapproval of the summit, there have also been few expressions of support for President Sadat. The policy at the moment seems to be to wait and see.

The reasons for this caution are not hard to find. For once Jordan is in the happy—and rare—position of being on good terms with all its Arab neighbours (except Iraq which is generally considered beyond the pale). It values this new role as a mediator and confidant and is unwilling to antagonize either Syria or Egypt by coming out wholeheartedly for or against President Sadat's latest attempt to keep his peace initiative alive.

Egypt is naturally disappointed that Jordan has not given Mr Sadat more support, and Syria has put pressure on Jordan to voice more open disapproval. Yet neither has been so angered as to take measures against Jordan, and both are probably grateful that they can talk to each other through Jordan.

Jordan also has to be careful what it says about withdrawal from the West Bank—the critical issue at Camp David in Jordanian eyes—because it is still bound by the Rabat summit declaration which recognized the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) as the only legitimate representative of the West Bank population.

Jordan has always argued that this resolution was a a mistake. For political, geographic, economic, historic and family reasons Jordan is closely tied to the West Bank. Most other Arab countries now also see the foolishness of denying Jordan a say in the West Bank's future. But until the rest of the Arab world finds a formula for reintroducing Jordan into the West Bank discussions, King Husain is not going to do anything on his own to contravene Rabat.

He opposed the decision, and it has caused considerable internal difficulties in his country (including the necessity to suspend parliament indefinitely) but he accepted it with good grace.

In spite of public reticence, however, Jordanians make no secret of their sympathy for President Sadat as a courageous man in a difficult situation. If he is able to get a full Israeli commitment to Security Council Resolution 242 or withdrawal from the occupied territories Jordan will be the first to call for full Arab backing for his initiative.

But Jordan believes this, the minimum acceptable result of the summit, to be unlikely. What King Husain and senior officials fear most—and at the same time believe to be the most probable outcome —is a concealed disappointment; an agreement to continue to talk, further American security guarantees and some vaguely worded concessions by Israel. For compelling political reasons all three participants will declare this a triumph, and invite others to join in subsequent talks.

"But we are not going to be accomplices in covering up Israeli intransigence", an official close to the King said. "This is what Israel wants. They want us to get involved in the negotiating process to protect them from the pressures of the international community which has lost patience with Israeli intransigence."

Jordan is afraid that the agreement to continue to talk will become an end in itself, and all the time Israel will postpone a decision on the substance of Resolution 242. To Jordan this would be a deception.

Jordan also fears that if President Carter throws his full weight behind President Sadat's initiative and is still unable to get a clear Israeli commitment to withdrawal America's credibility will suffer a serious, maybe crippling blow, not only in Egypt but also in Jordan, Saudi Arabia and throughout the Arab world.

Old suspicions would resurface, old entrenched attitudes take on a new beligerence and the Middle East would rapidly move towards chaos and conflict.

"If Sadat comes home empty-handed after all this it would be a lesson thoroughly understood in all the Arab world," a senior newspaper editor said.

Jordan has made these fears clear to President Sadat. The Egyptian leader outlined his proposals in a letter to King Husain and in his reply last weekend the King impressed on him the need to base any agreement on full observance of Resolution 242.

Jordan anticipates strong American pressure to accept whatever the results are of the summit. Many Western diplomats have already informally suggested that even if these seem to be a means for Israel to buy time while continuing its settlements policy, Jordan could keep up the pressure by joining President Sadat in talks.

But the Jordanians are not impressed. If it is a question of calling the Israeli bluff, they argue, this has already been done in the most spectacular manner by President Sadat himself when he went to Jerusalem. And what did it bring? They ask. Nothing except words of praise in the West. It neither changed Israeli policies, nor did it bring any real American pressure on Israel to carry out Resolution 242.

King Husain does not want his present neutrality before Camp David to be taken as a sign that he will not take unpopular decisions if he thinks this necessary. Jordan, the King believes, has given ample proof that it is not afraid of political isolation. But he thinks he has gone as far as is now sensible in supporting Mr Sadat.

Official policy would still prefer a resumption of the Geneva conference, with a full Arab delegation of the front-line states and the PLO. If Jordan is to be involved in the Sadat initiative it wants some guarantees that this will lead to a solution to the West Bank question which Jordan, the former ruler, can live with in future.

In summary, therefore, the Jordanians, privately and officially, are pessimistic. A few political analysts believe that President Carter would not have unnecessarily risked the most spectacular foreign policy failure of his Administration without some prior agreement on a formula for success.

But most believe that President Sadat will be forced to abandon his initiative. And Jordan is already considering how it can helpfully allow him to do so without provoking a coup or throwing away the gains President Sadat's policies have made to the Arab cause in the West.

Though the newspapers have carried lengthy daily analyses of the prospects for the summit, the average man in the street seems disinterested. A typical reaction is that all this has been seen before.

Jordan is now doing well economically. Inflation has hurt, especially the poor, but the business community and the middle classes have benefited from the stability of the last few years. In many people who have lived so long with the Palestinian question there is now a certain weariness with the whole issue. They refuse to let their hopes rise, only to see them probably disappointed again.

"Wait and see", they say. And that is what Jordan is doing.

Michael Binyon

Funds required for new hospital

Following in Albert Schweitzer's footsteps

M Max Caulet, the Frenchman who has run the Albert Schweitzer hospital at Lambarene in Gabon since 1971, was in London recently at the end of a fund-raising tour of Europe covering France, Switzerland, West and East Germany, Poland, Hungary, Sweden, Denmark, Holland and England.

One of the good things about the Alsatian polymath's reputation, he found, was that it knows no boundaries either of religion or ideology. East Germany has been a generous contributor for six years, and some 200 schools, agricultural cooperatives, workers' groups, avenues and so on in the republic bear Schweitzer's name. Next year M Caulet will visit the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia, the United States, Canada and South Korea, where there is a Schweitzer hospital run by a doctor inspired by a visit to Lambarene.



M Max Caulet: No complexes about the legend.

On his arrival in Lambarene from Provence in 1971, M Caulet, an agricultural expert, became the fifth director in the six years since Schweitzer's death. To cope with so many problems in so august a shade had not proved easy for his predecessors. Doubts about the hospital's future persisted until 1975, when he announced it would close unless new funds were forthcoming.

Thanks largely to generous support from the Gabonese Government, these doubts have been removed without in any way affecting the independence of the Schweitzer Foundation, which was set up in 1974 with M Caulet as president. The new challenge is to find the finance for the building of a completely new hospital to replace the 50-year-old buildings.

So far half of the £2.5m first stage has been completed, with finance from the Gabonese Government, the United States, Holland and Switzerland. M Caulet hopes that Britain, too, will play its part when it sees how much is being done. The Schweitzer committee in Britain is headed by Sir Clement Chesterman, an expert on tropical diseases.

M Caulet has no complexes about the Schweitzer legend. A bustling little hawk of a man, he says there is no way he could be a substitute. "There can be no successor to Schweitzer. But there must be continuity of his work."

Continuity means not just rebuilding but also avoiding the sort of clinical modernity that might frighten off the Gabonese and break down their traditions. But to reduce the congestion caused by the family gathering and sleeping around the sickbed, each of the new buildings for patients is being divided into three parts: one for the sick, one for the family, and one for their cooking.

At certain hours only—a restriction requiring much explanation—the family can gain access to the patients direct from outside.

The aim of the new buildings will be to provide more normal working conditions and a centre for research into and treatment of tropical diseases without losing the bush hospital atmosphere. But Schweitzer's notorious aversion to such forms of modern technology as flushing toilets was not without logic. Few people knew how to use them, they got blocked—and there was no point in technology without technicians to repair them, he said.

The absence of black doctors, also criticized in Schweitzer's last years, persists. Gabon has only been independent for 15 years, M Caulet pointed out. At first it sent students abroad for training, but found they did not come back. Now its own university was training doctors.

The European medical staff includes four doctors, occasional medical students, a midwife and five or six specialized nurses. M Caulet married one of the nurses, a Dutch paediatric specialist, in January, his first wife having died of cancer after five years at Lambarene, where their 30-year-old son, an electrical engineer, is helping to build the new hospital. The African staff for the 250-odd patients includes two nurses and about 50 nursing aides trained on the spot. Last year there were nearly 20,000 consultations, 1,500 operations and 337 births.

Among children, the main affliction is malnutrition, caused more by ignorance, superstition and the uncontrolled sale of European tinned milk than by a real lack of food. Sickle cell anaemia, malaria, bilharzia and elephantiasis caused by a parasite are prominent among adult illnesses, and there is a separate section for leprosy victims.

Roger Berthoud

Food Report

Predicting Tory farm price policy

Nobody knows exactly what the Conservatives would do about farm and food prices if they came to power in the next six months. The Henley Centre for Forecasting has tried to dispel the obscurity in a series of detailed predictions about the course of national food policy late this year and early next.

Its most important conclusion is that if a Conservative government is elected this autumn it will apply in Brussels later in the year for a devaluation of the "green pound" by a tenth. Such a change in the rate at which EEC farm prices are expressed in sterling would raise the cost of food in Britain by 2 per cent.

The impact of such a devaluation would be spread over several months. But its effect on some foods, especially those such as butter and cheese for which supply exceeds demand, would be much greater than 2 per cent.

The Conservatives have made the shape of their food policy clear, but have been deliberately reticent this year about its detailed contents. They know that Mr John Silkin, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, will use any pretext to describe them as the party of dear food.

The forecast from the centre, which is linked to the Administrative Staff College at Henley-on-Thames, is important because it suggests that the Conservatives would translate their concern for farmers into action as soon as they came to power.

They have accused Labour for the past four years of seeking political gain by holding down food prices at the farmers' expense. The green pound, the rate of which determines the value of EEC price levels to British farmers, has been the key instrument in that process.

The centre believes that if Labour wins a general election this autumn it will not devalue until next spring, and then only by 3 to 7 per cent. The centre also expects that a Labour government would make the devaluation operate from the beginning of the marketing year for each crop, but that a Conservative administration would make it immediate.

When the green pound is devalued the entire system through which Community prices affect British farmers and food processors is changed. If that is done in the middle of a marketing year trade is disrupted.

Different agricultural commodities have different marketing years, some starting in the spring and some in the summer, because of the varying seasons at which output is greatest.

The Conservatives have been in trouble with food companies once this year for trying to force the Government to make an immediate devaluation that would please farmers while antogonizing their customers in industry.

In the words of the Henley centre: "Over the longer term Conservative governments will be more inclined than Labour ones to make dramatic and, in terms of consumer demand, disruptive price concessions to United Kingdom farmers".

If the Conservatives win an October election and the centre is right about their policy, Mr Silkin will say that they are in the pocket of the National Farmers' Union, elected that time he will doubtless e prize forgotten his claim of mid-A that "farmers tend to vote and pray for a Labour G Kredietment, knowing that they ound to always done best und major events ested by local riders, me Belgian Lionel Collard-Sovy on Loecky beating his countrymen into second and third places in the Prix de Buchman.—Reuter.

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John Pym

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The Boxer (a)
Scala

The craftsman-like Norman Jewison, who established himself in the early Seventies as an eminently reliable director of expensive, middle-brow Hollywood entertainments, has with *"F.I.S.T."* delivered no less—and certainly no more—than the film's parent production company, United Artists, could reasonably have expected. The corrupt history of the Federation of Interstate Truckers (F.I.S.T.), told through the career of one man, is laid out with confident symmetry: it runs for some two and a quarter hours and finally, after a ritualized series of verbal and physical confrontations, reveals it has nothing controversial to say about its topical and potentially combustible subject.

Co-authored by Joe Eszterhas and its star, the bankable Sylvester Stallone, the film opens with a charged orchestral overture, by Bill Conti, and single shots of monumental factory buildings. It is Cleveland, Ohio, in the late Thirties. What follows, however, is the "history" of an immense American labour union which avoids facing what went on behind those factory walls, not so much by sleight-of-hand, as by blandly ignoring an examination of causes in favour of a straightforward narration of character *reactions to at times* almost abstract off-screen events.

Johnny Kovak (Stallone), the son of Hungarian immigrants, is discovered in a precarious, unskilled job in a food-storage depot; the years pass, and he rises, thanks largely to his gift for sincere oratory, to the presidency of the truckers' federation. He deliberately kills a man during a strike-breaking *battle with the police: and later* reluctantly agrees to reciprocate a mobster's favour. Finally (and, with a judicious cut, we vault into the Seventies), Kovak, now a figurehead with the devoted support of his several million well-paid followers, is



Sylvester Stallone leads the truckers

called to testify before the Senate Rackets Committee; while denying that he ever took a bribe, he nevertheless admits to aspects of his unsavoury past. His honour still vaguely intact—he did the right things despite his criminal obligations—he is in the last frozen frame gunned down by the confederates of the nervous mobster. One waits in vain for some positive directorial attitude to this curiously anonymous individual.

Given Stallone's proven talent for embellishing his performances with individual flights of verbal fancy, it *seems odd that he did not provide* himself—or indeed anyone else—with a significant personal identity, or insist that the film as a whole be given a more carefully shaded social milieu. Although Kovak is allowed one or two rather strained humorous exchanges during the courtship of his rather prim Lithuanian bride (Melinda Dillon), the narrative for the most part slowly advances as a result of attitudes struck by almost wholly impersonal ciphers: the corrupt union boss (Peter Boyle); the patriarchal employer (Henry Wilcoxon); Kovak's just friend (David Huffman); the tenacious, investigative Senator (Rod Steiger). Kovak's voice grows increasingly hoarse as the movie proceeds, but only in his outburst before the Senate committee does Stallone reveal himself capable of genuinely pugnacious vitality.

Shuji Terayama, an anarchic and extraordinary eclectic artist, remains best known in his native Japan, we are told, as a sports journalist and racing tipster. Approached by the Toei company, he accepted an offer to make his first "commercial" film on condition he was allowed overall control of the production. In the event, and despite the fact that *The Boxer* was made with Terayama's usual cameraman and composer and with members of his own theatre company, Tenjosajiki, the resulting film emerges as a loose and oddly uncertain mixture of boxing lore, knockabout humour and lyrical whimsy. Odd because, in the Tenjosajiki production seen in London earlier this year, Terayama demanded that his players perform with an astonishing degree of self-control.

An aspiring young boxer, Tetsuo Temma (played by the Japanese popular singer Kentaro Shimizu) badgers a retired older boxer, Joji Hayabusa, to help him prepare for the East Japan junior featherweight title. Hayabusa (Bunta Sugawara), a despondent alcoholic with failing eyesight, overcomes his distrust for Temma (whom he believes responsible for the murder of his brother), instils in the contender the requisite amount of all-consuming "hatred" and, in the last misty scene, just manages to see his protégé batter his way to victory.

Punctuated with several startling visual moments (the arbitrary framing, for instance, of a girl's legs beneath a table) and a number of camera *set-ups which intrude in part* because of the enveloping tone of Hollywood-style populism, *The Boxer* paradoxically registers most strongly as a movie about the joys of training rather than of actually winning. During the opening monochrome tracking-shot, the camera, which is positioned behind Temma as he walks down a long corridor towards a ring, passes a number of damaged boxers limping or being carried back to the dressing-rooms. This is followed by a quasi-documentary scene in the ring itself in which 10 strokes on a gong are sounded for a dead boxer. The film's single most striking visual moment follows a line of red thread over a scattering of press cuttings: a voice recites the grim statistics of Japanese champion boxers who have met violent deaths. It is only during the exhilarating training exercises (which take up a good deal of the running time) that Terayama seems wholeheartedly behind his characters: when they actually get into the ring, the punishment meted out seems, if anything, faintly ludicrous. Hayabusa regains some of his self-respect by helping Temma to the title; but his pessimism (and his old boxing wounds) remain and are, it seems, shared in some measure by the boxing devotee Terayama himself.

The Boxer for all its raw-domness at odd moments comes engagingly alive: the claque of slapstick supporters who cheer Temma on at every bout all possess an individual if largely out of place vitality; and there is one beautifully off-hand comic moment when Hayabusa's ex-wife visits the old boxer's decrepit one-room and, having prepared a meal, gently tries to nudge Hayabusa out of his drunken stupor only to fail to notice that his Doberman Pinscher is at the same time delicately helping herself to the food.

NY theatre profits from the dollar fall

The Broadway season only now coming to its unusually late close may look superficially not much different from any of its immediate predecessors: there's *the big-star musical revival* (Yul Brynner in *King and I*) the regulation Neil Simon, the routine long-runners, the all-black rethink of a previously white hit and for good measure Jack Lemmon making his first Broadway appearance in a decade.

The figures, though, tell a *more intriguing story: in* 1977-78 Broadway has taken a record total of 114 million dollars at its box-offices and the overall attendance there (nine and a half million people) is the second highest in its entire history. Of the 42 new shows which have opened in the last 12 months 14 were musicals, 27 were straight plays and one was Victor Borge. The average price paid for a ticket was 11 dollars, and for every hit there were two flops—a surprisingly low disaster rate in what used to be a sudden-death city.

Given that the past season has been neither especially distinguished nor especially unusual, what seems to have made the difference is a massive nationwide television advertis*ing campaign urging Americans* to see New York before they try Europe. That, plus a rapidly sinking overseas dollar and horrendous stories of European airport chaos, seems to have encouraged the out-of-towners who made up nearly half Broadway's audience this year.

Even at the height of last month's newspaper strike, on a humid Monday night with the *temperature in the low 90s*, house-full boards were outside nearly half the 20 shows still playing; and August business was generally so good this year that there have even been one or two first nights contrary to all historical precedent. Sammy Davis opened at Lincoln Centre in a revival of the Newley-Bricusse *Stop the World*, though after seeing the reviews he must *have wished he'd waited a day* or two for the newspaper strike to start.

The *Dracula* still playing on Broadway is the one which reaches the Shaftesbury with Terence Stamp next month: a high-camp revival of the old English Rep standby, it has made a matinée idol of Frank Langella and is doing the best T-shirt sales in town, always a surefire *sign of success, though* I suspect the wonderfully macabre bat's wing designs of Edward Gorey are what has really made this triumph.

Deathtrap, which stars John Wood in the role it is thought Denis Quilley will play here, is an Ira Levin thriller with the best first act since *Sleuth* and the most appallingly disappointing last scene I can recall.

On the musical front, the success of *Side By Side By Sondheim* and *Oh! Coward* has spurred a series of other concert shows like *Beatlemania* and *Ain't Misbehavin'* (a raucous Fats Waller celebration) leaving at Prince's *On the Twentieth Century* as about the only new "book" musical in town.

The one true musical joy of this season has, however, been Bob Fosse's *Dancin'*, a three-act *celebration of Broadway choreo*graphy which manages to recapture all the confidence, glamour and wonder of the old Great White Way. The sooner it is seen in London, the better for us all.

In the straight theatre, Neil Simon's *Chapter Two* is his most thoughtful and touching play yet: a possibly autobiographical *account of a man losing his first* wife and learning to live not only with her death but also with the probability of a second marriage, it marks a move away from the one-line gags and is, I suspect, the first of his plays which could find a genuinely warm welcome on this side of the Atlantic.

Tribute, the play in which Jack Lemmon has chosen to make his return to Broadway (and quite possibly his West End debut next year) is by Bernard Slade, author of *Same Time Next Year* which had a rougher ride here a few months ago than it deserved. But not even Mr Lemmon's considerable technical expertise on stage can hide the fact that this time the play is considerably shakier: a publicist who has built his entire career on charm and pimping and court jestering suddenly discovers that he is dying (death is very big on Broadway this year) and that his son hates him. The race is then on for Lemmon to convince his offspring that it will be a funeral worth attending, a conversion he achieves by dressing up as a chicken ("What do you *expect at these prices, Noël* Coward?") and generally remaining relentlessly lovable as his life is presented to us in retrospect. What we have here is a cut-price *Death of a Sales*man, for the coach parties, a formula that is already proving hugely successful in America, where the play got its costs back before even opening on Broadway, and could do equally *well elsewhere so long as Mr* Lemmon can be persuaded to remain in the leading role.

Off-Broadway seems to be going through a thin and unadventurous time, though the Chelsea Theatre Centre's *Vanities* (now the longest-running off-Broadway show of all) is long overdue for a London production and manages to follow three Texan high *school cheer-leaders through 15* years of recent American history without looking like a rerun of *Kennedy's Children*.

Those in search of the old Broadway will still do better out of town: last month in Washington, for instance, it was *possible* to see revivals of *Show*boat, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *The Music Man*, *On a Clear Day* and *Oliver!*, and at each of those theatres they'll give you dinner as well as a show for less than $15. Very often the cast also serves the meals: who said the American theatre was dying?

Sheridan Morley

Always something on the Fringe

The Traverse Theatre goes from strength to strength. Without straining to produce new work for the Edinburgh Festival, it can round up its productions from the past year such as *The Slab Boys* and *The Hardman*, and fill one entire theatre. At the Traverse proper, above the bar and restaurant, it can then offer newer productions such as Robert Holman's *Rooting*, which Irving Wardle reviewed last week, and David Pownall's most recent play, *Livingstone and Sechele*. Without obvious exertion it then manages to play host to Smith and Goody's newest comedy show and two foreign companies.

That makes one more foreign theatre company than the official festival is offering. Admittedly, the German company, Theatre Wedel, is something less than perfect, and the company from Iceland will not open until the final week of the festival. Theatre Wedel is, however, made up of enthusiastic and talented amateurs and the production they have brought is a good example of the social concerns of much German theatre.

Das Haelste Ja Im Kopf Nicht Aus has been given the rough translation of *That's Over My Head*, but is played in German, in a dense regional accent, with the assurance that much of the story will be obvious. It is a creation of the Grips Theatre in Berlin, Germany's leading theatre for young people, and shows the pressures on schoolchildren who are about to leave school and look for work.

Many of the messages are pounded home through the use of rock music, but there are subtleties, glimpses of the complex relationships of families, teachers and youth workers, which go beyond the simple prescriptive lessons in solidarity that the production offers.

Away from the Traverse, at the St Venis School, there was, for a week, an English sort of youth theatre in a musical play for schoolboys by Jeremy James Taylor and David Nield. The play is *Helen Come Home*, a cheerful travesty of the *Iliad*, with the parts of the gods, Helen, and the classical heroes taken by boys from various schools including Tiffin School and Pangbourne College.

The first thing to say is that the boys, directed by Mr Taylor, are splendid, giving lively and confident performances. The difficulties of such a production are obvious, reflected in the announcement that young Richard Sarsfield-Hall had to give up the part of the goddess Hera in an Olympian beauty contest because his voice broke. As in his production of *The Ballad of Salomon Pavey*, Mr Taylor overcomes all such production difficulties, and the young orchestra directed by Ralph Allwood is a great success.

Mr Nield's music swings nicely from style to style, and Mr Taylor's text, often resembling a compilation of old and new puns, is frequently fun, but he has made the unfortunate decision to turn his Trojans into black-faced minstrels, making jokes out of racial stereotypes.

Back at the Traverse, David Pownall's *Livingstone and Sechele* breaks through such stereotypes by showing David Livingstone's first conversion of an African to Christianity. It becomes a conflict of worlds and wits with Sechele, the chief of the Crocodile People, embracing Christ and Livingstone with a passion as much sexual as religious.

Sechele's final conversion comes after a night of sportive lovemaking with one of his five wives, and, rejoicing that it was sex and not the blindness of St Paul that brought him to God, he leaps into Livingstone's bed kissing and hugging the astounded missionary. The rich eroticism of Joe Marcell's performance gives the character of Sechele a force equal to the fervour of John Shedden's Livingstone.

It is an entertaining comedy that Mr Pownall is offering, underlined by veins of seriousness that are not entirely successful. Much of Livingstone's struggle is against the literate disbelief of Sechele's favourite wife, *aggressively played* by Muriel Odunton. Her sudden and pragmatic conversion is cast in such mystical imagery that much understanding is lost. The beautiful performance of Ann Scott-Jones as Livingstone's wife, however, does much to keep the religious, political and racial issues of the play balanced. The production is by Peter Lichtenfels on another fine set *designed* by Grant Hicks.

Ned Chaillet

Petticoat Rebellion
Round House Downstairs

Irving Wardle

Emyr Edwards and Gareth Thomas compiled this documentary on female suffrage with the admirable purpose of redressing the heavily male bias of the National Youth Theatre. But six years after its first performance it remains the only such piece in the company's repertory and I wish it expressed some intention beyond supplying many parts for girls.

Running from the black night of Victorian female servitude to the dawn of twentieth-century enfranchisement, it packs in much specific incident and key statements to show the old society labouring to produce a new kind if citizen. Parliamentary exchanges are supported with popular song, passages from opinion-formers such as Florence Nightingale and J.S. Mill, and some material is *broadened into* pantomime tableaux, such as a bloomer parade and a class on ladylike behaviour with the girls drinking tea by numbers, and practising ascents into a carriage without showing their ankles.

The material is unfailingly interesting, but all it adds up to is the general idea that votes for women are a good thing, and that the opposition consisted of a gang of bullying numbskulls, now safely dead and gone. Revived to mark the fiftieth anniversary of full female suffrage in Britain, the show might at least have carried the story through to the 1920s and avoided the suggestion that the question of women's rights belongs entirely to the bad old times.

Mr Thomas's production is an able piece of stage management. It lets some obvious chances slip: for instance by organizing a picket line to duplicate a highly slanted report in the *Daily Sketch*, instead of presenting a contrast between the description and the visible event; and allowing Christabel Pankhurst to cross-examine Lloyd George like a governess in flat contradiction to Max Beerbohm's ensuing tribute to her disarming performance.

But when it comes to organizing a simultaneous series of Speakers' Corner meetings, or a nightmare lead-up to the martyrdom of Emily Davidson, the production is a model of agile precision. The Davidson and Emily Pankhurst episodes are much strengthened by the commanding personalities of Kate Spiro and Sally Dexter.

Seven Deadly Sins
Coliseum

John Percival

The programme book at the Coliseum tells us that Kurt Weill defined *The Seven Deadly Sins* as a *ballet chanté*, but Les Ballets 1933, which commissioned the work, called it a *spectacle sur des poèmes de Bert Brecht*. It seems to me that the prime virtue of Michael Geliot's staging for the English National Opera is that he does justice to the author's contribution equally with the composer's.

All previous productions I have seen were presented by dance companies. The consequent need to keep dancers prominent all the time leads either *to reinterpretation or* trivialization of the plot: on one hand, Pina Bausch's feminist version at Wuppertal; on the other, Kenneth MacMillan's inordinately fussy Covent Garden version. Either way, Brecht suffers.

Ideally, the work needs to be treated like Stravinsky's *Renard* and *Soldier's Tale*, as a theatre piece for musicians, dancers and even actors. By bringing in England's best modern-dance choreographer and some exceptionally good dancers, then presenting the piece very simply (although on too large a stage), ENO comes within striking distance of that ideal.

Geliot has made two important innovations. One is to have the dancing Anna (Siobhan Davies) motionless at the end instead of leaving for home with the singing Anna (Julie Covington), pointing the moral that for worldly success you kill part of yourself. The other is to keep both Annas offstage in the episodes where Anna I has nothing to sing. The family's commentary provides the action, or would if the singers got their words over properly.

Reducing the size of the dance element has not diminished its importance. That is an example of the maxim that less means more. Richard Alston's choreography makes its points quickly and accurately. His evocation of Isadora Duncan in Pride, when Anna wants to be an artist, not an artiste, is beautifully done, and far more relevant than the Marilyn Monroe images in the décor, for Lust especially.

Siobhan Davies makes the subjection of Anna's pride a tragic climax before her fall, and right to the end her gentleness contrasts effectively with Anna's pushy alter ego incarnated by Julie Covington, whom Alston has brought skilfully into the dance at moments. Eleanor Brickhill as a cabaret dancer and Maedée Duprès as the happy girl Anna cannot be also make valuable contributions to the admirable whole.

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SPORT

Athletics

Britain endure a disappointing day

From Cliff Temple
Athletics Correspondent
Prague, Aug 31

Even two silver medals and one bronze for Britain on the third day of the European athletics championships, as well as two United Kingdom records, could not disguise the fact that it was a disappointing day for Britain.

Daley Thompson had juggled all day with the decathlon gold medal before having to make do with the silver in a dramatic finish in a darkened, rain-swept stadium. *Steve Ovett finished second and* Sebastian Coe third in the long-awaited 800 metres final in which we had foun dit hard to imagine, even in the most cynical of forecasts, anything other than a British victory.

And Brendan Foster, the reign*ing champion still drained*, physically and emotionally, from Tuesday's classic 10,000 metres, did not survive his heat in the 5,000 metres, the lowest point in a long international career which has been notable for its consistency.

It was Thompson who kept us in suspense until nearly 10 o'clock tonight when the decathlon finally ended. His strong overnight position found him with a lead of 288 points over the second man, Aleksandr Grebenjuk, of the Soviet Union, this morning. But Thompson's second half of the dacthlon was unhippily eroded the decathlon was unhappily eroded by disasters in two of the first three events.

In the 110 metres hurdles he hit the second barrier hard, almost fallin gto the track, but somehow recovered to finish last in his heat in 15.28sec, which was only the fourteenth fastest of the day, and cost him 95 valuable points of his lead over Grebenjuk, who was also the day'a fastest hurdler at 14.43 sec.

Thompson responded well in the next event, the discus, throwing a personal best of 142ft 9in. Yet there were still nine others in the field who could throw farther and the farthest throw of them all came from Grebenjuk himself, to cut Thompson's advantage again.

Moving to the pole vault, we had hopes that his recent fine training form, in which he had cleared 16ft 9in, would help him regain some ground, but it was not to be. Although he flew over 13ft 9½in with daylight to spare, *he failed at 14ft 5½in*, the second of his three attempts being spoiled by his pole knocking down the bar. *At a time* when he needed to be reinforcing his lead, it was dwindling dangerously. Again, the great competitive spirit of this talented 20-year-old, who by all the laws of athletic history should not be competing at this level so successfully, showed in the ninth *event, the javelin. He again* reached a personal best with this implement, throwing 196ft 2in, and with just the 1,500 metres remaining Grebenjuk had a 62 points advantage over Thompson.

This meant that in the last gruelling event Thompson would have to defeat his Soviet rival by something like nine seconds. But try as he might, he could not get farther than 10 metres ahead of him until the final straight, and even then the gap was no more than 20 metres.

Thompson's time of 4min 22.8sec meant that he had broken his own United Kingdom record by 51 points, to total 8,289 points, but the gold medal had gone to the blond Grebenjuk, who had refused to be shaken off. Although Thompson's silver medal was slightly disappointing in view of his strong overnight advantage, it was still far better than any other British decathlete has achieved in the 44 years of the European championships. The previous highest place was sixth by Peter Gabbett in 1971, and Thompson has at least experienced a competition of the toughest severity in contrast to his relatively comfortable win at the Commonwealth Games in Edmonton. He will return.

The 800 metres final, so eagerly anticipated by all, with Ovett and Coe apparently the only contenders for the title: ended with an advantage to Ovett, and a British record, but a silver rather than a gold medal round his neck. Olaf Beyer, a 21-year-old soldier from Potsdam, in East Germany, let the two Britons concentrate on their own private battle before surprisingly lifting the gold medal with a sustained drive over the last 100 metres.

Coe, the slightly built Loughborough University student, who had set a United Kingdom record of 1min 44.3sec earlier this month, took the lead from the start and blazed through an opening circuit in 49.32sec. Behind him, the more powerfully built Ovett was nudging his way out of the boxed position in which he had, almost inevitably, found himself, and as the bell clanged he was third behind Coe and the tall, blond Beyer.

With 250 metres left Ovett moved past Beyer and on to Coe's shoulder, and it seemed that it was all over; the pair would surely sprint it out in the final stretch. But *no*. The blue-vested German was with them as they rounded the last bend, and as Ovett moved past the flagging Coe, Beyer came wide past both of them and on to victory in 1min 43.83sec, the fifth fastest time ever recorded. Ovett's time of 1min 44.1sec sliced a fifth of a second from Coe's national record and was a full second faster than he had run before, while Coe took the bronze medal.

The elimination of Foster was a major surprise, because although the 10,000 metres on Tuesday had obviously taken its toll, he was still expected to qualify for the final. But when the Finnish winner of Tuesday's race, Martti Vainio, speeded the race up in the closing laps, Foster had no answer and had to let the leading group go, finishing sixth, with only the first four to qualify



Olaf Beyer (left) winning the 800 metres fin al from Steven Ovett.

Yesterday's results in the European championships

Men

200 metres

First four in each heat qualify for semi-final round.

HEAT 1: 1, P. Mennea (Italy), 20.70sec; 2, L. Dunecki (Poland), 21.01; 3, D. Zaric (Yugoslavia), 21.32; 4, D. Jenkins (GB), 21.46; 5, R. Bombardella (Luxembourg), 21.49; 6, L. Micha (Belgium), 21.56.

HEAT 2: 1, A. Aksinin (USSR), 20.97; 2, J. Arame (France), 21.33; 3, A. Rajamaki (Finland), 21.54; 4, K. Thiele (E Germany), 21.56; 5, L. Bohman (Czechoslovakia), 21.59; 6, M. Bayle (Luxembourg), 21.78; 7, V. Vilhjalmsson (Iceland), 21.80.

HEAT 3: 1, P. Barre (France), 20.78; 2, V. Ignatenko (USSR), 20.96; 3, L. Sarria (Spain), 21.18; 4, M. Pelach (Czechoslovakia), 21.48; 5, P. Pavlov (Bulgaria), 21.50.

HEAT 4: 1, Z. Licznerski (Poland), 20.83; 2, V. Ivanov (Bulgaria), 20.96; 3, O. Prenzler (E. Germany), 20.97; 4, P. Muster (Switzerland), 21.03; 5, T. Hoyte (GB), 21.21; 6, P. Barro (France), 21.27; 7, M. Kreitk (Czechoslovakia), 21.47.

SEMI-FINAL 1 (first four to qualify for final): 1, P. Mennea, 20.40; 2, P. Muster, 20.63; 3, L. Dunecki, 20.64; 4, O. Prenzler, 20.69; 5, V. Ignatenko, 20.74; 6, J. Arame, 21.08; 7, A. Rajamaki, 21.19; 8, M. Pelach, 21.59.

SEMI-FINAL 2: 1, P. Barre, 20.96; 2, V. Ivanov, 20.96; 3, A. Aksinin, 21.08; 4, Y. Licznerski, 21.10; 5, L. Sarria, 21.24; 6, D. Zaric, 21.28; 7, D. Jenkins, 21.59.

400 metres

SEMI-FINAL 1 (first four qualify for final): 1, J. Pietrzyk (Poland), 46.27; 2, K. Kolar (Czechoslovakia), 46.28; 3, L. Krieg (W Germany), 46.53; 4, T. Whitehead (GB), 46.69; 5, G. Cohen (GB), 46.91; 6, E. de Leeuw (Belgium), 47.17; 7, S. Malinverni (Italy), 47.18; 8, M. Volmar (France), 47.50.

SEMI-FINAL 2: 1, B. Herrmann (W Germany), 46.09; 2, F.-P. *Hofmeister* (W Germany), 46.18; 3, F. Demarthon (France), 46.26; 4, R. Ashton (GB), 46.33; 5, M. Tulis (Czechoslovakia), 46.37; 6, R. Podlas (Poland), 46.69; 7, V. Burakov (USSR), 46.91; 8, J. Hansen (Denmark), 47.35.

800m

FINAL: 1, O. Beyer (E Germany), 1:43.80; 2, S. Ovett (GB), 1:44.10; 3, S. Coe (GB), 1:44.80; 4, A. Reshetniak (USSR), 1:45.80; 5, V. Podljanko (USSR), 1:46.20; 6, A. Busse (E Germany), 1:47.10; 7, D. Yivotic (Yugoslavia), 1:47.40; 8, J. Marajo (France), 1:53.40.

5,000 metres

First four in each heat and three fastest losers qualify for final.

HEAT 1: 1, F. Zimmermann (W Germany), 13:32.40; 2, M. Vainio (Finland), 13:33.60; 3, L. Schots (*Belgium*), 13:34.10; 4, J. Peter (E Germany), 13:34.30; 5, B. Kuznecov (USSR), 13:34.80; 6, B. Foster (GB), 13:38.30; 7, K. Kvalheim (Norway), 13:43.60; 8, R. Bouster (France), 14:09.30; 9, J. Charvetto (Gibraltar), 14:18.40. K. Gaba failed to finish.

HEAT 2: 1, K. Fleschen (W Germany), 13:34.50; 2, F. Mamede (Portugal), 13:34.80; 3, N. Rose (GB), 13:35.70; 4, E. Sellik (USSR), 13:36.30; 5, G. Tebroke (Netherlands), 13:37.00; 6, F. Cerrada (Spain), 13:40.40; 7, P. Levisse (France), 13:44.10; 8, S. Tabor (Czechoslovakia), 13:45.00; 9, D. Millonig (Austria), 13:50.40; 10, N. Ayaz (Turkey), 13:53.70; J. Gloden (Luxembourg) failed to finish.

HEAT 3: 1, A. Fedotkin (USSR), 13:24.10; 2, M. Ryffel (Switzerland), 13:24.70; 3, V. Ortis (Italy), 13:26.70; 4, J. Treacy (Ireland), 13:28.00; 5, C. Merle (W Germany), 13:28.70; 6, I. Floroiu (Romania), 13:30.50; 7, M. McLeod (GB), 13:36.60; 8, J. Kowol (Poland), 13:40.50; 9, A. Simoes (Portugal), 13:49.10; 10, W. Polleunis (Belgium), 13:52.80; E. Lok (Netherlands) failed to finish.

400 metres hurdles

FINAL: 1, H. Schmid (W Germany), 48.51; 2, D. Stukalov (USSR), 49.72; 3, V. Archipenko (USSR), 49.77; 4, F. Meier (Switzerland), 49.84; 5, H. Schulting (Netherlands), 50.07; 6, J. C. Nallet (France), 50.10; 7, J. Valero (Spain), 50.19; 8, H. Tobie (Romania), 50.46.

MORE

110 METRES HURDLES: First heat: 1, S. Stark (E Germany), 15.12; 2, R. Kanerva (Finland), 15.28; 3, J. Fric (Czechoslovakia), 15.40; 4, S. Christer (Sweden), 15.43; 5, E. Sceinsson (Iceland), 15.48; 6, G. Weedhner (Austria), 15.48. Second heat: 1, J. Lahti (Finland), 15.00; 2, Y. le Roy (France), 15.11; 3, L. Pernica (Czechoslovakia), 15.18; R. Hingsen (W Germany), 15.35; 5, J. Kucenko (USSR), 15.34; 6, K. Riggberger (Sweden). Third heat: 1, A. Andonov (Bulgaria), 24.77; 2, H. Schmidt (W Germany), 14.64; 3, D. Schayerhammer (E Germany), Ponnica (Czechoslovakia), 15.18; 4, R. 15.02; 4, A. Kiss (Hungary), 15.05; 5, V. Burjakov (USSR), 15.11; 6, A. Tschonelt (Switzerland), 15.47. Fourth heat: 1, A. Grabenjuk (USSR), 14.45. 2, J. Zeilbauer (Austria), 14.61; 3, R. Poitel (E Germany), 14.89; 4, T. Dubois (France), 14.97; 5, D. Thompson (GB), 15.28.

Decathlon

DISCUS: 1, A. Grebenjuk, 48.43; 2, R. Schmidt, 48.12; 3, Y. le Roy, 47.96; 4, C. Lythell, 45.42; 5, J. Fric, 45.32; 6, J. Zeilbauer, 45.22; 7, S. Stark, 44.52; 8, J. Kuconko, 43.76; 9, E. Sveinsson, 43.64; 10, D. Thompson, 43.52.

POLE VAULT: First group: 1, S. Stark, 4.90m; 2, R. Kanerva, 4.80; 3, Y. Le Roy, 4.70; 4, A. Grebenjuk, 4.50; 5, J. Kucenko, 4.40; 6, L. Pernica, 4.30; 7, D. Thompson, 4.20. Second group: 1, R. Poitel, 4.90; 2, J. Fric, 4.80; 3, V. Burjavok, 4.70; 4, J. Zeilbauer, 4.70; 5, A. Andonov, 4.40; 6, K. Riggberger, 4.20.

Shot putt

QUALIFIERS: V. Mironov (USSR), R. Stahlberg (Finland), G. Capes (GB), U. Beyer (E Germany), A. Jaros (USSR), J. Vlk (Czechoslovakia), A. Barysnikov (USSR), W. Schmidt (E Germany), H. Halldorsson (Iceland), J. Brabec (Czechoslovakia), M. Schmidt (E. Germany), V. Stojev (Bulgaria). Eliminated: H. Rembach (W Germany), J-P. Egger (Switzerland), M. Janousek (Czechoslovakia), A. Arrenhius (Sweden), M. Montelatici (Italy), V. Milic (Yugoslavia), A. Cropelli (Italy).

Women

200 metres

First four in each heat qualify for semi-final round.

HEAT 1: 1, T. Prorocenko (USSR), 23.25sec; 2, K. Smallwood (GB), 23.51; 3, M. Göhr (E Germany), 23.73; 4, C. Stegor (W Germany), 23.96; 5, M. Walsh (Ireland), 23.99; 6, R. Soborova (Czechoslovakia), 24.55.

HEAT 2: 1, L. Kondrateva (USSR), 23.11; 2, M. Hamann (E Germany), 23.35; 3, I. Orosz (Hungary), 23.46; 4, S. Lannaman (GB), 23.48; 5, D. Schenten (W Germany), 23.70; 6, H. *Lalhorinne (Finland)*, 23.84; 7, T. Verhdef (Netherlands), 24.12.

HEAT 3: 1, C. Rega (France), 23.26; 2, L. Haglund (Sweden), 23.38; 3, Z. Bielczyk (Poland), 23.40; 4, B. Goddard (GB), 23.54; 5, M. Masullo (Italy), 23.62; 6, S. Schnizel (Austria), 24.30.

HEAT 4: 1, L. Maslakova (USSR), 22.92; 2, L. Ivanova (Bulgaria), 22.93; 3, C. Bodendorf (E Germany), 23.11; 4, R. Nalgre (*France*), 23.56; 5, J. Stalmach (Poland), 23.96; 6, E. Honzen (Netherlands), 23.97.

SEMI-FINAL 1 (first four qualify for final): 1, M. Göhr, 22.86; 2, L. Maslakova, 22.86; 3, M. Hamann, 22.99; 4, L. Ivanova, 23.12; 5, S. Lannaman, 23.36; 6, S. Bielczyk, 23.41; 7, R. Neigre, 23.89; 8, C. Steger, 24.18.

SEMI-FINAL 2: 1, L. Kondrateva, 22.83; 2, C. Bodendorf, 22.92; 3, C. Rega, 22.98; 4, L. Haglund, 23.11; 5, K. Smallwood, 23.12; 6, T. Prorocenko, 23.30; 7, B. Goddard, 23.37; 8, I. Orosz, 23.56.

100m hurdles

First four in each heat qualify for quarter-final round.

HEAT 1: 1, G. Rabsztyn (Poland), 12.94; 2, N. *Morgulina (USSR)*, 13.04; 3, G. Berend (E Germany), 13.26; 4, X. Siska (Hungary), 13.48; 5, S. Strong (GB), 12.56; 6, L. Elloy (France), 14.07.

HEAT 2: 1, J. Klier (E Germany), 12.85; 2, L. Langer (Poland), 13.15; 3, S. Colyear (GB), 13.35; 4, S. Kempin (W Germany), 13.40; 5, L. Lebeau (France), 13.60; 6, H. Fredriksen (Norway), 13.63.

HEAT 3: 1, E. Rabsztyn (Poland), 13.20; 2, L. Boothe (GB), 13.46; 3, L. Guseva (Bulgaria), 13.52; 4, M. Schonauerova (Czechoslovakia), 13.61; 5, L. Spoof (Finland), 13.63.

HEAT 4: 1, T. Anisimova (USSR), 12.85; 2, A. Fiedler (E. Germany), 13.45; 3, L. Ongar (Italy), 13.74; 4, E. Pantazi (Greece), 13.84; 5, D. Ramussen (Denmark), 13.95; 6, H. Chocova (Czechoslovakia), 14.04.

SEMI-FINAL 1 (first four qualify for *final*): 1, *G. Rabsztyn*, 12.60; 2, J. Klier, 12.90; 3, N. Morgulina, 13.00; 4, A. Fielder, 13.07; 5, S. Colyear, 13.25; 6, X. Siska, 13.56; 7, M. Schonauerova, 13.72; 8, L. Ongar, 13.90.

SEMI-FINAL 2: 1, G. Berend, 12.90; 2, T. Anisimova, 12.92; 3, L. Langer, 13.00; 4, E. Rabsztyn, 13.14; 5, L. Boothe, 13.44; 6, E. Pantazi, 13.83. S. Kempin did not finish.

400 metres

FINAL: 1, M. Koch (E Germany), 48.94 (world record); 2, C. Brehmer (E Germany), 50.38; 3, I. Szewinska (Poland), 50.40; 4, M. Kulcunova (USSR), 51.25; 5, C. Marquardt (E Germany), 51.99; 6, D. Hartley (GB), 52.31; 7, P. *Haggman (Finland)*, 52.46; 8, V. Elder (GB), 52.53.

800 metres

FINAL: 1, T. Providochina (USSR), 1:55.80; 2, N. Musia (USSR), 1:55.80; 3, Z. Rigel (USSR), 1:56.60; 4, T. Petrova (USSR), 1:56.80; 5, H. Ulrich (E Germany), 1:57.50; 6, A. Weiss (E Germany), 1:57.70; 7, U. Bruns (E Germany), 1:58.60; 8, F. Lovin (Romania), 1:58.80.

Discus

FINAL: 1, E. Jahl (E Germany), 66.98m; 2, M. Droese (E Germany), 64.04; 3, N. Gorbaceva (USSR), 63.58; 4, S. Engel (E Germany), 63.46; 5, F. Melnik Veleva (USSR), 62.30; 6, S. Bozkova (Bulgaria), 61.94; 7, L. Isajeva (USSR), 61.56; 8, J. Prouzova (Czechoslovakia), 59.90; 9, A. Menis (Romania), 58.36; 10, A. Herczeg (Hungary), 57.94; 11, I. Manecke (W Germany), 53.92; 12, M. Ritchie (GB), 52.64; 13, M. Pilarova (Czechoslovakia), 50.34.

High jump

FINAL: 1, S. Simeoni (Italy), 2.01m (equals world record); 2, R. Ackermann (E Germany), 1.99; 3, B. Holzapfel (W Germany), 1.95; 4, J. Kirst (E Germany), 1.93; 5, U. Meyfarth (W Germany), 1.91; 6, A. Matay (Hungary), 1.85; 7, S. Hrenevnik (Yugoslavia), 1.85; 8, U. Kielan (Poland), 1.85; 9, A. Harnack (W Germany), 1.80; 10, A. Tvelt (Norway), 1.80; 11, K. Nitzsche (E Germany), 1.80; 12, L. Klimantenok (USSR), 1.80.

Timetable today

9.30 Hammer, qualifying.
9.45 Men's high jump, qualifying.
16.00 Pole vault final.
17.00 Men's 110m hurdles heats.
17.00 Women's javelin final.
17.45 Women's 200m final.
17.55 Women's 1,500m heats.
18.00 Men's long jump, qualifying.
18.20 Men's shot final.
18.30 Men's 200m final.
18.40 Women's 400m hurdles heats.
19.05 Men's 1,500m heats.
19.50 Women's 100m semi-finals.
20.00 Men's 400m final.
20.10 Men's 3,000m steeplechase heats.

Modern pentathlon

Britain led to overall title by Miss Skipworth

By Michael Coleman

Fifteen full days of competition in three weeks would surely leave *even Daley Thompson drained of* energy but for Wendy Skipworth, a 16-year-old from Ashford, last night's discotheque at the Bromley Court Hotel remained a must. As the first holder of the World Cup for women's modern pentathlon, she had a lot to celebrate.

Earlier in the day, Miss Skipworth had put her final seal on the proceedings by finishing fifth out of the field of 26 over a hilly cross-country course laid out in the grounds of the National Recreation Centre, *Crystal Palace. The other Wendy* in the British team, Miss Norman, not 14 until February and as thin as a wisp, floated over the hills and dales even faster, somehow finding some strength left after the two preceding legs of the contest in Poland and Sweden.

Miss Norman had been expected to emerge the overall winner but the signs of her fatigue became noticeable on Tuesday with a string of defeats in the five-hour fencing contest, entailing 25 duels with the heavy epée. However, she swam well next day and her time over yesterday's 2,000 metre course of 6min 46.6sec was equal to that of a specialist. The progress made by all four British competitors—the others being Katherine Tayler, aged 18, and Sarah Parker, aged 22—and the time and money they have spent in preparation must be worth an award in itself.

Miss Tayler will be leaving for the United States this winter to take up a Churchill Fellowship award, spending three months at the Americans modern pentathlon centre at San Antonio, California —"to improve my riding", she said. It was her riding which proved her undoing in this world cup for she scored no points in the Polish leg when her horse threw her. Even a reasonable score would have made the overall result a British one, two, three.

It was all so sporting, the smiles behind the fencing masks, the encouraging shouts in the running and the applause for a clear jumping round belying the fact that a serious competition was taking place. National Employers' Life sponsored the British leg of the contest and have presented a perpetual trophy.

CROSS-COUNTRY: 1, W. Norman (GB), 6min 46.6sec, 1,230pts; 2, P. Hollington (GB C), 6:51, 1,168; 3, B. Hasson (US), 6:53.3, 1,160; 4, K. Tayler (GB), 7:01.4, 1,150; 5, W. Skipworth (GB), 7:03.1, 1,125; 6, C. Cocke (US), 7:06.5, 1,120; 7, G. Suttie (GB B), 7:11.4, 1,093; 8, R. Kirsch (W Germany), 7:12.7, 1,090; 9, J. Savage (GB B), 7:23, 1,050; 10, J. Schmitz (W Germany), 7:21, 1,045.



Wendy Skipworth: a world champion at the age of 16.

OVERALL: Individual: 1, Skipworth, 4,756pts; 2, K. Dunlop (US), 4,661; 3, K. Tayler, 4,593; 4, D. Schillmann (W Germany), 1,559; 5, Norman, 4,541; 6, S. Parker (GB), 4,423; 7, Kirsch, 4,425; 8, Cocke, 4,405. Team: 1, GB, 13,892; 2, US, 13,467; 3, W Germany, 13,178; 4, GB B, 12,035; 5, GB C, 11,507; 6, Poland, 10,384; 7, Sweden, 6,010.

FINAL OVERALL: Individual: 1, Skipworth, 9,416pts; 2, Norman, 9,240.75; 3, V. Swift (US), 9,215.25; 4, N. Absolon (Canada), 9,080; 5, Taylor, 9,035; 6, Dunlop, 9,035; 7, Schillmann (W Germany), 8,863; 8, Parker, 8,874.95; 9, Kirsch, 8,822; 10, P. Absolon (Canada), 8,750. Team: 1, GB, 27,721.75; 2, US 26,758.1; 3, W Germany, 26,068; 4, Poland, 23,805.7.

Cricket

Icicles on the sightscreen as Essex climb higher than ever before

By Alan Gibson

SOUTHEND: Essex, with eight second innings wickets in hand, lead Derbyshire by seven runs.

The news is encouraging for Derbyshire, but we were not interested in Derbyshire when Essex still had a flicker of hope for the championship. At the start of play, Derbyshire had scored 102 for six, 39 runs behind. They reached 146, which put them five runs ahead. By taking four points for bowling, Essex at least made sure of finishing second, which is higher than they have ever been before.

They were third, I am informed, in 1897, though I have not been able to check it and it may be that the guileful *Daily Telegraph* correspondent, with all the inscrutability of the East, has misled me. Still, Essex were a good side at about that time. I remembered by myself, though I did not witness it, that they had beaten one of the strongest Australian teams in 1899.

It was a morning with a little sunshine. At one point, strolling around the ornamental gardens which adjoin the ground, watching the children sailing their yachts and motor boats on the lake, the fathers struggling to repress the temptation to take over and show them how to do it, I almost forgot that I left my pullover at High Littleton.

But it grew colder and colder, quickly. My grave Oriental friend pointed out to me the icicles on the sightscreen. It began to drizzle before lunch and rained in quantity in the afternoon. There was no more play, except for a few forlorn minutes after six o'clock. Taylor and Walters continued their seventh-wicket stand, not looking in much difficulty, though Essex, in their enthusiasm, made frequent improbable appeals.

At 130, Taylor was caught at the wicket, a catch which was not obvious to onlookers, from a bad ball by Lever, a long hop, and had begun walking away before the Essex chorus had assembled its lungs. This was not, I think, consciously intended as a reproof to Essex. I mention it as an illustration of Taylor's natural sportsmanship. If England are to have a vice-captain in Australia, he would be the best choice for the job, though I doubt whether he would welcome it.

Tunnicliffe was caught and bowled by Lever at 136. In the same over, Lever bowled Mellor with something approaching a yorker. Walters and Hendrick did enough for the last wicket to give Derbyshire their narrow lead. Lever, with six wickets, bowled well. We know he can do it but this, without much support except from East, who took the last wicket when it looked as if it might be getting awkward, was an exceptionally stout-hearted performance. The pitch gave Lever some help but no more than it has given to the others.

When Essex went in before lunch, they lost Denness, caught and bowled by Tunnicliffe, and McEwan, caught at square leg off Hendrick, each having only just managed to pierce the dreaded doughnut. In the last few minutes of play, in a light which was soon recognized to be impossibly bad, nothing of moment happened, which was just as well.

ESSEX: First Innings, 141 (G. A. Gooch 60, M. J. Hendrick 5 for 32).

Second Innings

M. H. Denness, c and b Tunnicliffe	1
G. A. Gooch, not out	6
K. S. McEwan, c Hill, b Hendrick	1
*K. W. R. Fletcher, not out	2
Extras (l-b 2)	2
Total (2 wkts)	12

B. R. Hardie, N. Phillip, S. Turner, R. E. East, N. Smith, J. K. Lever and D. L. Acfield to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—1, 2—9.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

A. Hill, c Fletcher, b Lever	13
J. W. Lister, c Hardie, b Lever	0
P. N. Kirsten, b Phillip	1
A. J. Borrington, b Phillip	0
*G. Miller, c Smith, b Lever	34
H. Cartwright, c Fletcher, b East	1
J. Walters, b East	36
R. W. Taylor, c Smith, b Lever	25
C. J. Tunnicliffe, c and b Lever	0
A. Mellor, b Lever	0
M. Hendrick, not out	0
Extras (b 1, l-b 4, n-b 1)	6
Total (69.2 overs)	146

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—7, 2—13, 3—13, 4—79, 5—82, 6—82, 7—130, 8—136, 9—136, 10—146.

BOWLING: Lever, 27—6—35—6; Phillip, 16—5—42—3; Turner, 6—3—9—0; East, 17.2—5—31—2; Acfield, 3—2—3—0.

Bonus points (to date): Essex 4, Derbyshire 3.

Umpires: D. G. L. Evans and D. J. Constant.

Miller and Pocock may go to Australia

By John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent

The England team to tour Australia in the coming winter will be chosen this weekend by A. V. Bedser, K. F. Barrington, C. S. Elliott and J. T. Murray, as the four England selectors, and D. J. Insole and J. M. Brearley, manager and captain-elect. Also in attendance will be D. B. Carr, secretary of the Test and County Cricket Board, P. B. H. May, chairman of the cricket committee of the TCCB, and F. R. Brown, chairman of the Cricket Council. The party will be announced on Monday morning.

The first important decision concerns the number to be taken. Should there be 16 or 17 players? To take 17 provides the easy way out. Except when there is a spate of injuries, 16 are enough, especially now that there is so much less cricket than there used to be.

As recently as 1950-51 Brown's side were committed to 104 days' play in Australia and New Zealand, when they sailed from Tilbury on the Strathedon, on September 15; Brearley's side, when they fly out on October 24, will face a possible 71. Brown's side played 30 matches, only the first two being of one day; Brearley's will play 24, as many as nine of them one-day games.

In the days when it took several weeks to get out to Australia a seventeenth player was usually taken, although even *Wisden's* man, reviewing the "bodyline" tour of 1932-33, wrote that "seventeen players was, to our mind, rather too heavy a load to carry". Sailing out and sailing home ("days that are over, dreams that are done"), the team were away for seven months. Reinforcements would have taken over a month to arrive. The team of 1978-79 will be away for less than four months. A replacement sent for on a Monday could be playing in Sydney by Friday.

The danger in choosing 17 players, now that the programme *has been so much reduced, is of* leaving them with too little cricket before the first Test match. Once the Test matches start on December 1 those playing in them will get all the cricket they need; those who are not may have to make do with *only 19 days' play out of the 78* days that are still left when the series begins.

Foremost among the selectors' problems, therefore, is how to fit in a third spin bowler without taking a seventeenth player or leaving a batsman behind. In attack, as it invariably is these days, the emphasis will be on faster bowling. Willis, Old, Hendrick, Lever and Botham all seem sure to go. With Brearley, Boycott, Radley, Gower, Gooch, Edmonds and Taylor all as good as on the plane, as well as Bairstow as the second wicketkeeper, this disposes of 13 places.

Into the other three (or four) must be slotted the remaining batsmen and spin bowlers. If, as is fairly certain, Tavaré goes, we are down to two (or three) places. Contesting these are Miller, Emburey and Pocock to bowl, and Randall, Gatting, Sharp, Hampshire and Larkins to bat, with Roope and Rose as further distant possibilities.

Having already scored 174 in a Test match in Melbourne, and being a brilliant fielder, and because, for both these reasons, he would be an attraction, Randall is strongly favoured. He and Tavaré would make the number up to 15. I doubt whether Randall is really good enough, but he will go, I think, and save many runs and delight them on the Hill at Sydney. Of the other batsmen mentioned, Sharp, Gatting and Larkins would all be a shade lucky to be chosen on what they have achieved, and Hampshire is a little long in the tooth. Rose and Roope have had their chances without making quite the most of them.

My own feeling is that Miller will win the vote as the second spin bowler, partly because the tail in the last Test match at Lord's looked much longer without him. If 17 go I would take Pocock rather than an extra batsman, which is not at all to say the selectors will. Pocock bowls well abroad; he is more mature than he was and has his flight to recommend him.

Taken into account, no doubt, will be the identity of the four young English cricketers in Australia under the Whitbread scheme. Botham, Emburey, Gatting, Athey, Christopher Cowdrey, and Love, of Yorkshire, are all among those who have benefited from this. Briers, of Leicestershire ("more promising than Gower," some say), Agnew, also of Leicestershire, and Sharp must be on the Whitbread short list. Should Sharp, in fact, be one of them, or Larkins (if, at 24, he is not considered too old), the selectors might see them as being in close reserve.

We shall get a surprise, I expect. We usually do. This time last year Downton amounted to one when he was chosen for the tour of Pakistan and New Zealand. In 1974, when England last went on a full-scale tour of Australia, the selection of Titmus at the age of 41 was unexpected. In 1970 it was the choice of Shuttleworth, in 1965 of Russell, in 1962 the presence of three off-spin bowlers, in 1954 the preference of McConnon and Loader for Laker and Trueman, in 1950 the omission of W. J. Edrich, when Parkhouse, Dewes and Sheppard were all chosen. Long ago Mr Bedser discovered that there is no way of pleasing all the pundits all the time.

Turner scores his sixth county hundred

Glenn Turner, batting at No 5 to boost an injury-weakened middle order, scored his sixth county championship century of the season and reached 507 runs from his last five innings while helping Worcestershire make 229 for six in 75.4 overs against Gloucestershire at Worcester yesterday. They were still 138 behind *at the end of the day, which was* reduced by 170 minutes because of bad light.

Turner, who hit 18 fours in his 115 in two hours and a half, was partnered by Neale in a stand of 143 which checked the early breakthrough by Procter (three for 37) and Brain (three for 69), who between them took three wickets in five balls.

The Oval

David Lloyd, having just hooked Jackman for four, surprisingly elected to go off for bad light when 99 out of 187 for three in 63.5 overs against Surrey. Perhaps he was weary of a stop-start day which contained only 150 minutes' play. He was seldom in trouble as Lancashire replied strongly to Surrey's 351. He batted 213 minutes and hit 10 fours.

In 95 minutes during the morning, Lancashire, resuming at 46 for one, added 62 for the loss of Abrahams, who scored five in 45 minutes. The first rain drove the players off from 12.35 until 3.30. Then Lloyd and Hayes added 78 in 91 minutes, each completing 1,000 runs for the season, before Hayes became Jackman's second victim.

Cardiff

Warwickshire finished 177 runs ahead of Glamorgan, with seven second innings wickets remaining, having been well on top throughout the day. Glamorgan batted cautiously, with Ontong (54 in 175 minutes) and Alan Lewis Jones (54 in 152 minutes) their main scorers.

Amiss hit a quick 41 in Warwickshire's second innings, but was out 72 runs short of becoming the first player to reach 2,000 runs this season. Warwickshire ended the day on 91 for three.

Glamorgan v Warwicks

AT CARDIFF

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings, 326 for 7 inns closed (D. L. Amiss 162; P. D. Swart 4 for 59).

Second Innings

D. L. Amiss, c A. L. Jones, b Ontong	41
K. D. Smith, c A. L. Jones, b Lloyd	14
T. A. Lloyd, not out	16
A. I. Kallicharran, c Swart, b Lloyd	3
P. R. Oliver, not out	1
Extras (b 4, l-b 5, w 1, n-b 6)	16
Total (3 wkts)	91

G. W. Humpage, *J. Whitehouse, D. J. Brown, R. G. D. Willis, C. Clifford, and S. P. Perryman to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—47, 2—83, 3—87.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

*A. Jones, c Perryman, b Brown	0
J. A. Hopkins, l-b-w, b Brown	5
R. C. Ontong, c Whitehouse, b Perryman	54
B. J. Lloyd, c and b Clifford	18
A. L. Jones, c Perryman, b Clifford	54
P. D. Swart, c Perryman, b Clifford	23
M. J. Llewellyn, not out	44
M. A. Nash, b Clifford	1
G. C. Holmes, not out	17
Extras (b 6, l-b 6, n-b 2)	14
Total (7 wkts, inns closed)	240

†E. W. Jones and A. E. Cordle did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—1, 2—31, 3—60, 4—119, 5—154, 6—201, 7—203.

BOWLING: Willis, 10—6—13—0; Brown, 15—8—30—2; Clifford, 41—16—85—4; Perryman, 4—1—8—1; Oliver, 30—5—90—0.

Bonus points: Warwickshire 7, Glamorgan 5.

Umpires: A. T. G. Whitehead and R. Julian.

Surrey v Lancashire

AT THE OVAL

SURREY: First innings, 351 (R. D. V. Knight 128, G. R. J. Roope 105, P. Allott 5 for 98).

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

A. Kennedy, c Roope, b Pocock	28
D. Lloyd, not out	99
J. Abrahams, b Jackman	5
*F. C. Hayes, c Edrich, b Jackman	33
C. H. Lloyd, not out	10
Extras (l-b 3, w 1, n-b 9)	12
Total (3 wkts: 63.5 overs)	187

B. Wood, B. W. Reidy, J. Simmons, D. P. Hughes, J. Lyon and P. Allott to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—46, 2—77, 3—155.

Bonus points (to date): Surrey 5 pts Lancashire 5.

Umpires: F. R. Goodall and J. G. Langridge.

Worcestershire v Glos

AT WORCESTER

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings, 367 for 5 (Sadiq Mohammad 176).

WORCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

B. J. R. Jones, c Brassington, b Procter	9
J. A. Ormrod, l-b-w, b Brain	24
P. A. Neale, c Brassington, b Procter	39
D. N. Patel, b Brain	0
G. M. Turner, c Cooper, b Procter	115
B. P. Henderson, c Hignell, b Brain	18
†D. J. Humphries, not out	16
C. N. Boyns, not out	0
Extras (l-b 4, w 1, n-b 3)	8
Total (6 wkts: 75.4 overs)	229

G. G. Watson, *N. Gifford and A. P. Pridgeon to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1—33, 2—33, 3—55, 4—178, 5—197, 6—229.

Bonus points (to date): Gloucestershire 6pts, Worcestershire 4.

Umpires: A. Jepson and A. E. G. Rhodes.

No play yesterday

LEICESTER: Leicestershire 326 for 6 inns closed (B. F. Davison 142, J. F. Steele 77); Nottinghamshire, 49 for 2 (16 overs).

Minor counties

Warrington: Cheshire 126 for 9 dec (S. L. Wood 54); Lancashire II 115 for 7 (P. Robertson 4 for 28). Match drawn.

TAUNTON: Devon 299 for 5 dec (B. L. Matthews 81, G. Wallen 87) and 248 for 5 dec (Matthews 83, Wallen 70, R. F. Harriott 57 not out); Somerset II 240 for 8 dec (M. J. Kitchen 54, P. J. Robinson 79) and 200 for 4 (Kitchen 60, Robinson 50 not out). Match drawn.

Somerset delay

Somerset's Gillette Cup final *party will not be announced* until tonight and the final team not picked until minutes before the match against Sussex at Lords tomorrow. Rose, who took over from Close as captain this season, said: "We have one or two niggling little *injuries*. Viv Richards has a *slight strain in his side* but is certain to play."

Today's cricket

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP (11.0 to 5.30 or 6.0)
SOUTHEND: Essex v Derbyshire.
CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Warwickshire.
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Nottinghamshire.
THE OVAL: Surrey v Lancashire.
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Gloucestershire.
FENNER TROPHY
SCARBOROUGH: Yorkshire v Northamptonshire.
SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP
NOTTINGHAM: Nottinghamshire v Leicestershire.
GUILDFORD: Surrey v *Hampshire*.
BIRMINGHAM: Warwickshire v Glamorgan.
BRADFORD: Yorkshire v Middlesex.

Second XI competition

BIRMINGHAM: Warwickshire II 300 for 8 wickets dec. Glamorgan 317 for 4 (A. Francis 95 not out).

GUILDFORD: *Hampshire II*, 305 for 8 dec (N. Pocock 97 not out, D. Rock 75); Surrey II, 315 for 9 dec (Younis Ahmed 101, D. J. Thomas 82; T. Tremlett 5 for 78).

Fenner trophy

SCARBOROUGH: Yorkshire 115 for 5 (K. Sharp 51); Middlesex 72 for 9 (C. M. Old 5 for 36). Yorkshire won by 43 runs (limited to 10 overs).

Golf

Beamish equals record in seniors event

Cecil Beamish, a former Irish international from Woodhall Spa, returned 70 for a 36-hole total of 146 to lead the 54-hole seniors' open amateur championship at Formby yesterday. Beamish, a semi-finalist in the British amateur 25 years ago, equalled the record *for the ladies'* course.

LEADING QUALIFIERS: 146: C. H. Beamish (Woodhall Spa), 76, 70; 148: W. L. Gaskell (Fairhaven), 72, 76; 150: R. J. White (Caldy), 76, 74; E. B. Robinson (Moortown), 77, 73; 151: A. M. Cheatham (Formby), 78, 73; J. W. Monro (Caithkin Braes), 76, 77; 152: M. A. P. Smith (Delamere Forest), 71, 81; H. B. Swallow (Old Links), 74, 79; 153: J. Taylor (Bolton Old Links), 74, 79; 155: R. J. Rutherford (Northumberland), 74, 81; E. Rail (Southport and Ainsdale), 74, 81; J. Lawrence (Stoke Poges), 71, 81; T. E. Donaldson (Panmure), 73, 82; 156: P. Skerritt (Warmley), 81, 75; H. D. Moleeley (Robin Hood), 75, 81; J. McAlister (Hillside), 85.

Ingram leads by one in Swiss open

Crans-sur-Sierre, Aug 31.—David Ingram, of Scotland, returned 67, five below par, to take a one-stroke lead over the defending champion, Severiano Ballesteros, of Spain, Tienie Britz, of South Africa, and Nicholas Faldo and Malcolm Gregson after today's first round of the Swiss open golf championship.

LEADING SCORES: 67: D. Ingram (GB). 68: S. Ballesteros (Spain), T. Britz (SA), M. Gregson (GB), N. Faldo (GB). 69: G. Marsh (Australia), H. Irwin (US). 70: S. Martin (GB), H. Clark (GB), P. Dawson (GB), P. Cotton (France), S. *Torrance* (GB), N. Ratcliffe (Australia). 71: D. Hayes (SA), M. Pinero (Spain), J. Fourie (SA), B. Balocchi (SA), R. Charles (NZ), O. Hessemer (US), J. Cabo (Spain), J. Whitehead (GB), J. Canizares (Spain), T. Horton (GB).—Reuter.

Show jumping

Smith has the best time of all in Belgium

Ekeren-Hoogboom (Belgium), *Aug 31.—British riders dominated* the International Horse Show here today, Harvey Smith winning the two senior events. In the Prix Chleys-Flandria, Smith, John Whittaker, Fred Welsh and Sally Mapleson, all of Britain, collected 55 points, but Smith took the prize on timing.

In the earlier Prix du Kredietbank, Smith had a clear round to win in 45.6sec. The junior events were dominated by local riders, with the Belgian Lionel Collard-Bovy on Loecky beating his countrymen into second and third places in the Prix de Buchman.—Reuter.

SPORT

Tennis

Drysdale concedes two penalty points but overcomes Amritraj

From Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent
New York, Aug 31

Play began late and was soon suspended when rain beset the United States tennis championships at Flushing Meadow here today. The scheduled matches featured five British players: Mark Cox v Bernard Mitton, John Lloyd v Ray Moore, Michele Tyler v Laura Dupont, Glynis Coles v Caroline Stoll, and Jacqueline Fayter v Sonoe Yonesawa, whose name reads like an invention or a typographical error unless you happen to be familiar with Japanese telephone directories.

Three more British players, Robin Drysdale, Virginia Wade and Anne Hobbs, were also in the draw but had been granted a day off. Miss Wade and Miss Hobbs had byes into the second round and Drysdale doubtless welcomed a rest, for emotional if not physical reasons, after a controversial match with Anand Amritraj yesterday. Drysdale won 7—5, 6—1 in spite of the fact that he conceded two consecutive penalty points.

The penalty system, now in its second experimental year, is the tennis equivalent of on-the-spot fines. It is an interesting attempt to impose court discipline, which has not been much improved by the more familiar methods of fines, suspensions, and codes of conduct. Unlike his better known brother, Vijay, Anand Amritraj has acquired a reputation for being rather "tight" in his attitude towards doubtful line decisions. Yesterday he seemed rather too eager to accept a point that probably did not belong to him. Drysdale was irked, protested, and was eventually penalized by the loss of the next point—which cost him the game.

At the beginning of the next game Drysdale asked that the line in question should be more adequately covered. Again he was penalized by the loss of a point. It seemed that he was unjustly treated in the first place and incorrectly punished in the second, because the rules state that a second offence should be penalized by the loss of an entire game, rather than a point. Drysdale came out of the incident with more sympathy than either Amritraj or the umpire—and justice was done in the end.

Cox made himself available for Britain's Davis Cup team for the first time since 1973 (since then, he has been otherwise committed to the American inter-city team competition). Britain's next tie, in the quarter-final round, will be against Czechoslovakia at Eastbourne from September 15 to 17. Cox has made it clear that he is willing to help in any capacity: by playing singles or doubles or merely by practising with the rest of the team. The decision will be up to Paul Hutchins, the national team manager, who is naturally delighted by Cox's attitude and the fact that Britain's resources have thus been strengthened.

Today Cox and Lloyd returned to Manhattan to practise on an indoor court while, at Flushing Meadow, the programme was repeatedly interrupted. Six hours after the scheduled start, only four matches had been completed. The winners were Miss Yonesawa (who beat Miss Fayter), Wendy Turnbull, Dianne Fromholtz and Ilana Kloss. Miss Kloss, who found the playing conditions much like those back home in Johannesburg, came within two points of winning in straight sets, but was taken to 6—2, 6—7, 6—4 by the transsexual Renee Richards, who is now 44 years old.

The Women's Tennis Association announced that in an effort to assume more responsibility for the game's administration, they had undertaken the expense of increasing their staff from eight to 14. Two of the new appointees are British. Lindsey Beaven is to direct the Avon circuit, formerly the Virginia Slims circuit, and Ann Jones is to be tour director for the European season. The WTA elected Betty Stove to serve a third term as president.

Men's singles

FIRST ROUND: A. Ashe (US) beat R. Case (Australia), 4—6, 7—6, 6—1; J. Lloyd (GB) beat C. Mottram (GB), 6—1, 3—6, 6—1; V. Gerulaitis (US) beat P. Portes (France), 7—5, 7—5; M. Cox (GB) beat S. Birner (Czechoslovakia), 6—3, 6—3; R. Lutz (US) beat C. Lewis (New Zealand), 6—0, 6—1; G. Ocleppo (Italy) beat A. Munoz (Spain), 7—6, 6—3; J. Connors (US) beat Tom Gullikson (US), 6—0, 6—2; B. Mitton (South Africa) beat T. Leonard (US), 7—5, 7—6; O. Bengtson (Sweden) beat D. Dowlen (US), 6—4, 6—4; S. Smith (US) beat J. Yuill (South Africa), 7—6, 6—1; W. Scanlon (US) beat G. Goven (France), 6—4, 6—4; B. Borg (Sweden) beat R. Hewitt (South Africa), 6—0, 6—0, 6—2. C. Vilas (Argentina) beat C. Drysdale (South Africa), 7—5, 6—2; B. Gottfried (US) beat P. Dent (Australia), 7—5, 7—5; R. Ramirez (Mexico) beat J. Alexander (Australia), 3—6, 7—6, 6—3; J. Granat (Czechoslovakia) beat F. McMillan (South Africa), 7—5, 6—1; R. Gonzalez (Canada) beat A. Mayer (US), 7—6, 6—3; P. Fleming (US) beat C. Pasarell (US), 6—1, 6—1; B. Walts (US) beat G. Moretton (France), 6—3, 6—2; R. Stockton (US) beat V. Amritraj (India), 6—3, 6—7, 6—1; A. Betancur (Colombia) beat N. Saviano (US), 6—7, 6—1, 6—4; R. Moore (South Africa) beat T. Gullikson (US), 6—4, 6—3; D. Carter (Australia) beat R. Ruffels (Australia), 6—2, 6—3; E. Teacher (US) beat E. Joubert (South Africa), 7—5, 6—0; J. Fillol (Chile) beat K. Johansson (Sweden), 6—1, 6—7, 6—4; W. Prinsloo (South Africa) beat T. Garcia (US), 6—1, 6—0; C. Freyss (France) beat P. Dominguez (France), 6—4, 6—4; J. Borowiak (US) beat M. Lara (Mexico), 6—4, 6—3; J. McEnroe (US) beat S. Stewart (US), 7—6, 6—3; H. Pfister (US) beat R. Acuna (Chile), 6—0, 6—3; W. Fibak (Poland) beat F. Gonzalez (Puerto Rico), 6—3, 6—3; R. Tanner (US) beat D. Schneider (South Africa), 6—1, 6—4; J. James (Australia) beat M. Edmondson (Australia), 6—1, 6—4; V. Amaya (US) beat C. Richey (US), 7—5, 4—6, 6—3.

Football

Underdogs gain lift from League Cup draw

By Norman Fox
Football Correspondent

First division clubs generally having failed to raise themselves for the early season challenge of the Football League Cup, the competition revives memories of the early days of its history when Rotherham United and Rochdale reached finals. Probably there are *too many hurdles remaining to* predict the complete demise of the top division, but after yesterday's draw for the third round there was reason to think that at least four more members could be lost.

Rotherham themselves could be among the last 16, having been drawn with Reading after a convincing victory over Arsenal in the second round at Millmoor this week. Their football is sufficiently bright to believe they will now give testing competition to Reading who have begun the season promisingly but would admit that Wolverhampton Wanderers, whom they beat in the second round on Wednesday, were astonishingly poor.

The first division clubs now in obvious danger are West Bromwich Albion or Leeds United, one of whom must play Sheffield United at Bramall Lane; Manchester City, who go to Blackpool where Ipswich Town lost on Wednesday, and Manchester United, at home to Watford after struggling to beat Stockport County. Bolton Wanderers have an away game with Exeter City that will not appeal to them.

There will definitely be one all first division match, that between Southampton and Derby County, although there could be a second if Tottenham Hotspur beat Swansea City in next Wednesday's replay and so go on to Queen's Park Rangers in the next round on October 4. This would be the only tie in London.

Watford's ambition linked with that of their chairman, Elton John, will be enhanced by being paired with Manchester United. The clubs last met in 1969 when Watford drew 1—1 in the fourth round of the FA Cup at Old Trafford before losing the replay. David Sexton, United's manager, said yesterday: "We got a big scare against Stockport so we will not approach the Watford game so lightly". Whatever the outcome, the receipts will help Watford in their long-term plans to rebuild their stadium.

Third round draw

Aston Villa v Crystal Palace
Blackpool v Manchester City
Burnley or Bradford City v Brighton
Chester v Norwich City
Chesterfield v Charlton Athletic
Everton v Fulham or Darlington
Exeter City v Bolton Wanderers
Luton Town v Crewe Alexandra
Manchester United v Watford
Middlesbrough or Peterborough United v Swindon Town
Northampton Town or Hereford United v Stoke City
Oxford United or Plymouth Argyle v Oldham Athletic or Nottingham Forest
Queen's Park Rangers v Swansea City or Tottenham Hotspur
Rotherham United v Reading
Sheffield United v West Bromwich Albion or Leeds United
Southampton v Derby County
Matches to be played on October 3 or 4.

Racing

Lyphard's Wish can strike a blow for Cecil at Sandown Park

By Michael Seely

Lyphard's Wish can strike a blow for Henry Cecil by winning the Solario Stakes at Sandown Park this afternoon. This is a race for the connoisseur to savour, for it is the first of the autumn tests for two-year-olds which will help to form the pattern for next season's classics.

Four of the most powerful stables in the land are represented, those of Cecil, Dick Hern, Ryan Price and Fulke Johnson Houghton. Two of these trainers will be on fact-finding missions. The running of Lyphard's Wish will determine the strength of Cecil's other young hopes, R. B. Chesne, Main Reef and Borzoi; and from the performance of Hern's runner, Bolide, the West Ilsley trainer will discover how he stands with his 10 lengths Kempton Park winner, More Light.

Lyphard's Wish, a handsome bay son of Lyphard, has pulverized the opposition in his two victories, at Great Yarmouth and Newmarket. By setting a relentless gallop from start to finish the two-year-old has seemed to indicate that stamina rather than an instant ability to quicken is his forte. Our Newmarket correspondent says that Lyphard's Wish has been moving well with such as Main Reef and Golden River on the Heath.

On Bolyide's most recent appearance *the Bold Lad colt* gave a useful performance in the Chesters Stakes at Newcastle when handing out a handsome beating to Blue Refrain and General Atty. But Boden's Ride and Torus may represent more potent threats to Lyphard's Wish.

Price has made no secret of his high opinion of Boden's Ride, for whom George Blackwell laid out \$50,000 on behalf of Harry Demetriou as a yearling. The Grey Dawn II colt vindicated his trainer's faith in no uncertain fashion on his only racecourse appearance by outpacing Spithead Review and Anthony James at Goodwood. Price had been worried beforehand that this nice young horse might be taken off his legs on firm ground over Goodwood's sharp six furlongs, and the fact that Boden's Ride showed enough speed to lie up with the leaders throughout thrilled the Findon trainer. This exciting prospect has a bit to find on the formbook, but there is little doubt he is going to improve a great deal and that he is the one they all have to beat.

Johnson Houghton's Torus is another colt of high potential. At Newbury in August John Reid brought this Ribero colt with a storming late run to collar Spring to Mind in the last strides of a seven-furlong maiden race. At Newmarket last weekend Spring to Mind endorsed the value of this form when finishing a close *third to Warmington and Golden* River. As there appears to be little between Golden River and Lyphard's Wish in their work together on the Heath, Torus must surely be in at the death.

Sander's Lad is the only other runner with a chance judged on his second to Young Generation at Goodwood. But Paul Cole's colt *disappointed* behind Patasia in the Prix Robert Papin. In what promises to be an enthralling and *informative affair*, Lyphard's Wish remains a firm selection.

In the other two-year-old race, the Orleans Nursery, Hedingham Lad can *defy the 7 lb penalty* he gained for his fluent success in a similar event at Ripon on Monday. Lester Piggott was always going easily on Bill O'Gorman's colt that afternoon, and Greville Starkey will make an able deputy. Concore, City Link Lass and Lisa Laser are others who seem well treated, but I shall stand by Hedingham Lad's recent winning form. Starkey could well complete a double by capturing the September Handicap on Discreet for Michael Stoute.

Another likely winner from Newmarket could be Harry Wragg's Court Barns, who runs in the Atalanta Stakes. This Riva Ridge filly was thought likely to to take high rank this season after her two-year-old career but met with a setback in training and has not yet been seen out.

STATE OF GOING (official): Sandown Park: Good to firm. Great Yarmouth: Good. Thirsk: Good to firm. Salisbury (tomorrow): Good to firm. Stratford-on-Avon: Good.

Starkey and Eddery cut out their rivals

Greville Starkey and the reigning champion, Patrick Eddery, did not let their rivals have a look in at Great Yarmouth yesterday. Starkey won four times from as many rides, and Eddery achieved a double in the other two races.

Starkey, the Derby and Oaks winner at both Epsom and The Curragh this year, has now partnered 1,063 winners on the flat in Britain, plus one success over hurdles. Two of his Yarmouth victories were for Michael Stoute, and the others for another trainer based at Newmarket, Luca Cumani. Starkey began the afternoon by steering Markie to a half length win over the Eddery-partnered favourite, The Bedford, in the Fee Farm Stakes.

Markie was driven into the lead entering the final furlong and the colt held on bravely in an exciting finish. An hour later Starkey and Stoute teamed up again to take the Sarah Martin Handicap with Gleneagle, who snatched victory from the pacemaker, Gold Prospector, by a head with a powerful late run.

This double for Stoute put him on the 55 mark and left him needing eight winners to establish a new best for the season. Eastern Spring, Starkey's third winner, comfortably beat the favourite, Crystal Coach, in the Sir Harold Cassel Handicap.

Olympic Games

Members to vote on Los Angeles

Lausanne, Aug 31.—The executive board of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) today unanimously recommended maintaining the 1984 Olympic summer games in Los Angeles, subject to approval by the majority of the IOC's 89 members around the world.

The executive board of nine men, headed by Lord Killanin, president of the IOC, announced their decision after considering new proposals for settling a dispute over financial responsibility which has threatened to deprive Los Angeles of the Games.

The board, who have been meeting here since last Tuesday, unanimously agreed that the proposals, in the form of two draft agreements, be submitted to all 89 members of the IOC, an independent self-electing body, for ratification in a postal vote to be completed by October 7 next.

The board said in a communique that the two agreements ensured that Los Angeles abided by the letter and spirit of IOC rules, and recommended all members to approve the proposals. The board gave no details of the draft agreements, but said one was between the IOC and the city of Los Angeles, and the other between the United States Olympic Committee, the Los Angeles Games Organizing Committee and the IOC.

The draft accords were the result of negotiations in recent weeks between the IOC and the United States Olympic Committee.

The communique added that both agreements "conform to the IOC rules (IOC charter 1978), ensuring that the charter is obeyed and the necessary technical sporting facilities are available to the satisfaction of the International (Sport) Federations".

As well as having to win approval from the majority of IOC members, the two agreements, the Executive Board said, must be accepted by the United States Olympic Committee and the Los Angeles City Council—who have the last word. The board said details of the agreements would be available later. The accords were understood to provide for the United States Olympic Committee to guarantee Los Angeles against financial loss, with the Californian city then able to assure the IOC it will assume full financial responsibility.

Los Angeles authorities' reluctance so far to take on this financial burden, stimulated by IOC rules, had prevented signing of the contract for the 1984 Games, and jeopardized the city's chances of remaining the site. Los Angeles was the only candidate for the 1984 Olympics and the IOC last May, provisionally awarded the Games to the city provided it signed a firm contract accepting full financial responsibility.

But the Los Angeles City Council hesitated under the pressure from taxpayers alarmed by estimates that they could incur losses of millions of dollars, and sought ways of covering their financial liability. Lord Killanin, using his powers as president, twice extended the deadline for signing the contract, originally set for last July 31. Today's decision puts it off still further until after the postal vote of IOC members.

Boycott proposal countered by Stephenson

Laddie Lucas's proposed resolution to the Sports Council, calling for a boycott of the Moscow Olympics in 1980, has led to a counter-resolution from another member of the Council, Paul Stephenson.

The text of Mr Stephenson's motion, for the meeting in North Wales on October 3, is: "This council, whilst condemning human rights violations in the Soviet Union, Chile and other undemocratically ruled countries, thinks it is in the best interests of the Olympic Games committee to encourage international sportsmen and women to compete amongst each other in an atmosphere of friendship and mutual tolerance in Moscow.

"The Sports Council should refrain from advising Her Majesty's government on the eligibility of sending an Olympic team to Moscow. Participation by Britain's Olympic team in the Games in 1980 should serve to strengthen the principle, where possible, of keeping politics out of sport."

Horse trials

Walker and Devil Water lead in senior dressage

By Pamela Macgregor-Morris

At the end of the first day of senior dressage at the Burghley Horse Trials, Richard Walker is in the lead on the 10-year-old Devil Water, a brown son of Darantus, who stands in co Westmeath with Eamonn Finn. In a blanket finish between the first eight contestants, who have only 5.6 penalty points dividing them, Walker—the junior European champion in 1968, who won Badminton on Pasha in 1969, when he was also one of the winning senior European championship team—is fractionally ahead of Jane Cooper, on Bert, another 10-year-old by Michael Hickey's Arctic Slave, who stood in co Wexford.

In third place, two points behind the leader, is Lorna Clarke (better known as Lorna Sutherland), with Greco, bred in Yorkshire by Max Abram's premium stallion, Kadir Cup. Sally Bowley is lying fourth on Squirrel II, on whom she won at Tidworth last year, beating Jane Holderness-Rodham by a whisker: she won the Goldman Cup for the most points gained during the season by a rider under 21. Another Irish horse, Squirrel II, is a 10-year-old by Seven Bells.

One point behind in fifth place is Judy Bradwell, on Castlewellan, a seven-year-old Irish horse by Paddy's Birthday. The only foreign horse to be in the forefront is Mario Stiocchetti's Rohan de Lechereo, whose breeding is now acknowledged, but it is a fairly safe guess that he came from Jerry Rohan in co Cork. He is 0.2 penalty points ahead of Diana Clapham, on Martha.

With a multiplying factor of one applied to the judges' good marks, the inference of the dressage is relatively low. It is nevertheless interesting to compare the marks of the judges, particularly when one of them, Colonel Nyblaeus, of Sweden, is chairman of the International Equestrian Federation's dressage committee and frames all the international tests. He is accompanied by Dutch-born Mrs Robert Hall and Dame Mary Colvin.

Colonel Nyblaeus is so ubiquitous that he judges at every Olympic Games, world championship and European championship, and he seems to be omnipresent at international events. He gave his highest mark, 139, to Lorna Clarke and Greco, but Devil Water was his second choice. Mrs Hall had two joint favourites on 138, Castlewellan and the French mare Ensorcelense, ridden by M Pons, but gave 135 to Devil Water, who was therefore a second choice. Dame Mary gave top marks to Bert (at 152, they were the highest of the day), but Devil Water was also her next choice. Dame Mary gave top marks to Bert (at 152, they were the highest of the day), but Devil Water was also her next choice, which is consistent judging by any standards.

A heavy shower during the afternoon made the going (which is always good on the turf of this old parkland) better than ever for the junior European championship contenders when they go across country today. The other half of the seniors will be completing their dressage tests, with Princess Anne on the Queen's horse, Goodwill, going in the afternoon.

Yachting

Smith and Barker certain of overall victory

By John Nicholls

Lawrie Smith and Andrew Barker won the fifth race of the series and with it the Fireball class national championships at Felixstowe yesterday. They cannot now be beaten, whatever happens in the last race today and if the weather for today's race is anything like that of yesterday, they will probably stay ashore.

It was definitely not jolly boating weather, quite the reverse, and there were many things, I, for one, would have preferred to do than sit on a boat all day. It was bitterly cold, there was hardly any wind, and it rained. To some extent *the competitors* brought these conditions upon themselves, for the first two attempts to start were abandoned when the pathfinder and/or gateboat were impeded.

At this time, conditions were reasonable, a north westerly of about force three, but as preparations were being made for the third start there was a pronounced windshift which required the course to be rearranged. All this took time, and the eventual start was an hour and a half late. If the race had started on time, the course could have been adjusted as it progressed, and much of the misery would have been avoided.

Still, it is all over now and Smith and Barker scored the points they needed to retain their title. Three men are close together for the runners-up place, with Kim Slater the best placed by virtue of a more consistent set of results. John Alsop is lying third, but is discarding a 60th, so he cannot afford to slip up today. Roger Tushingham is only a few points behind Alsop and has a better discard.

For once this week Smith passed early through the starting gate. Usually he has started at least halfway along the line. However, where he starts has not really been material. He always seems to sail the first beat well, and to be leading or thereabouts at the windward mark.

Yesterday, he was leading, and once again all that the other 147 entries saw of him was his boat's transom. This was over two minutes ahead of Tushingham at the gybe mark but his lead had been cut back to 25 seconds at the end of the second, extremely light, windward leg.

FIFTH RACE: 1, L. Smith and A. Barker (Hollingworth Lake); 2, J. Thompson and S. Stewart (Thames); 3, K. Slater and N. Read-Wilson (Highcliffe); 4, R. Tushingham and N. Vivian (Leeds); 5, J. Alsop and J. Roak (Felixstowe Ferry); 6, C. Read-Wilson and P. Wain (Oxford and Cambridge).

OVERALL POINTS WITH DISCARD: 1, Smith 3 pts; 2, Slater 26.1; 3, Alsop 29; 4, Tushingham 33.4.

Wind catches all classes

All classes got away today under a force three breeze, but all were caught later when the wind died and they were left to beat home against a foul tide. This caused several retirements and place changes in Burnham Week, sponsored by Marlow Ropes.

G. Playfair's Clarinet took the honours in class one by beating Alan Hill's Mischief of Mersea by 6min and Barry Pearson's Joe Louis could only manage fourth, being beaten by John Gozzett's Golden Sovereign. Christopher Petrie's Robber, in class three, was beaten yesterday by A. Stewart's Limbo Dancer and had to be content with second place. In the Royal Burnham one designs Peter Robert's Whimbrel yet again took the winner's gun.

Peter Duce increased his already commanding lead in the Squib class when he again led the fleet over the finishing line and is one of the strong contenders for the Marlow Trophy. J. Talbot sailed yet another consistent race to record his sixth successive win in the Wayfarer dinghy class in his boat Fairway. In the Sonata class Brian Waples returned to form when he led his class over the line to win again in More Sparks.

CLASS 1: 1, Clarinet (G. Playfair); 2, Mischief of Mersea (A. Hill); 3, Golden Sovereign (J. Gozzett).
CLASS III: 1, Limbo Dancer (A. Stewart); 2, Robber (C. Petrie); 3, Atomic Rooster (G. Ledger).
SONATAS: 1, More Sparks (B. Waples); 2, Fiesta (T. Vernon); 3, C-Mall (R. Older and D. Bowell).
SQUIBS: 1, Thistle (P. Duce); 2, Paul Munta (T. Murray); 3, Fresh (J. Green).
RBODS: 1, Whimbrel (P. Roberts); 2, Bluebell (B. Moore); 3, Onyx (J. Noakes).
WAYFARERS: 1, Fairway (J. Talbot); 2, Nokomis (V. Henson); 3, Nomad (J. Page).

Fifth day called off

There was no sailing on the *fifth day of the National 12ft* yachting championships because of unsuitable weather conditions at Llandudno.

MARSTRAND: European Finn Class championship, fifth race: 1, M. Fabris (Yugoslavia); 2, J. Bertrand (Australia); 3, J. Blanco (Spain); 4, B. Eriddo (Italy); 5, R. Guldenpenning (East Germany); 6, H. Schumann (East Germany). Overall standings (after five races): 1, Blanco, 8.1 pts; 2, Fabris, 16; 3, Schumann, 23.2; 4, Guldenpenning, 31; 5, Law, 54.7; 6, Neil (US), 65.

Macdonald to have a knee operation

Malcolm Macdonald goes into hospital today for an operation on his left knee, two months after he had a cartilage operation on his right knee. He saw a specialist yesterday who advised immediate action, but Arsenal's manager, Terry Neill, hopes Macdonald will be back in action after six or seven weeks.

Mr Neill said: "The knee has been locking for a week or two and giving him problems. The specialist decided there was no point in delaying the operation, but we don't anticipate any real problems."

England manager supports foreign players

Ron Greenwood, the England team manager, yesterday declared that the influx of foreign players into British football was a stimulus to everyone. Mr Greenwood, speaking at the publication lunch of the ninth Rothmans Football Yearbook, said: "Their coming can do nothing but good for our own game."

He said that from what he had seen of the foreign players so far, they were "happy and confident with the ball where as we have too many players in a flurry who are not happy." However, Mr Greenwood pointed out that players like Glen Hoddle and Gary *Owen could take the lace out of* the ball as well as anyone from the Argentine.

Mr Greenwood's advice was that Britain has to pick the best out of other countries and "add it to what we have in this country and then we would have the best in the world." The Rothmans Football Yearbook is published today.

Callaghan to sign

Ian Callaghan will arrive at Vetch Field, Swansea, today to talk to his former Liverpool colleague John Toshack, now the Swansea City player-manager, about signing for the club. Mr Malcolm Struel, the Swansea chairman, said yesterday that Toshack had already had talks with Callaghan and is reasonably confident he will sign.

Today's football

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
THIRD DIVISION: Southend v Plymouth (7.45).
FOURTH DIVISION: Doncaster v Scunthorpe; Stockport v Wimbledon.
RUGBY LEAGUE: First division: Salford v Featherstone.

Mass injured

Jochen Mass, 31, the leading German motor racing driver, was recovering in Northampton General Hospital yesterday after being injured while test driving an ATS Formula 1 car at Silverstone. The car crashed at Stowe Corner. His condition was described as satisfactory.

Baseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE: New York Yankees 3, Baltimore Orioles 4; Kansas City Royals 12, Chicago White Sox 0; Boston Red Sox 2, Toronto Blue Jays 1; Toronto Blue Jays 7, Boston Red Sox 6.

NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York Mets 10, San Francisco Giants 1; Atlanta Braves 6, Chicago Cubs 2; St Louis Cardinals 4, Houston Astros 2; Philadelphia Phillies 6, San Diego Padres 3; Los Angeles Dodgers 4, Montreal Expos 3.

Thirsk programme

2.15 NESS STAKES (Div I: 2-y-o: £659: 1m)

2 0000 Charley Gable, K. Bridgwater, 8-11 ... C. McNamee 10
5 0000 Colonel Creole, W. A. Stephenson, 8-11 ... G. Gray 7 3
6 00 Tarbor (B), M. H. Easterby, 8-11 ... M. Birch 7
9 000 Wirral Way, C. Crossley, 8-11 ... M. Banner 7 6
12 000000 Cosy Rosie, D. Ancil, 8-8 ... E. Eldin 4
14 0 Jayaliese, E. Carter, 8-8 ... G. Oldroyd 5
16 0004 *Lady Perrin, P. Rohan, 8-8 ... — 5
17 00000 Madame Marquise (B), A. Smith, 8-8 ... S. Webster 8
20 002000 Pommery, J. Hardy, 8-8 ... P. Madden 1
24 044040 Top Stream, P. Asquith, 8-8 ... S. Perks 9

2-1 Pommery, 7-2 Top Stream, 9-2 Colonel Creole, 7-1 Tarbor, 8-1 Wirral Way, 10-1 Cosy Rosie, 12-1 others.

2.45 BYWELL STAKES (3-y-o maidens: £928: 2m)

1 004343 Camon, W. Elsey, 9-0 ... E. Hide 6
2 00000 Foreign Investment, Doug Smith, 9-0 ... E. Eldin 3
3 0-03242 Headwind, I. Walker, 9-0 ... B. Raymond 14
4 0-0344 Linamac, R. D. Peacock, 9-0 ... S. Webster 9
5 00 No Further, R. Hollinshead, 9-0 ... T. Ives 1
6 0003 Norfolk Dance, J. Dunlop, 9-0 ... J. Lowe 10
8 000000 Odds On Tim, W. Charles, 9-0 ... K. Darley 3 11
9 030023 Rarely Equalled, C. Tinkler, 9-0 ... C. Tinkler 4
10 C0003 Amble On, Miss S. Hall, 8-11 ... M. Birch 5
11 004000 Browngien, Mrs R. Lomax, 8-11 ... J. Bleasdale 8
12 0 Dame Consaught, M. Camacho, 8-11 ... G. Gosney 5 12
13 000-4 Delamore, G. Harwood, 8-11 ... G. Lewis 15
18 0-00f0 Silver Wings, C. Crossley, 8-11 ... L. Gouthwaite 13
19 0-03330 Thorganby Balashka, R. Hobson, 8-11 ... C. Dwyer 7

2-1 Headwind, 7-2 Norfolk Dance, 5-1 Rarely Equalled, 13-2 Delamore, 10-1 Camon, 14-1 Linamac, Thorganby Balashka, 16-1 others.

3.15 BARTON COTTAGE HANDICAP (2-y-o: £2,133: 6f)

2 424044 Pinkerton's Man, G. Richards, 8-11 ... O. Gray 15
3 032113 Con-Man (D), J. Etherington, 8-10 ... E. Eldin 8
4 042040 Three Shoes, W. Marshall, 8-8 ... P. Perkins 2
5 210004 Lana's Secret, M. H. Easterby, 8-7 ... M. Birch 16
6 42120 Sensing, S. Norton, 8-7 ... N. Crowther 3 3
8 303022 Our Melody (B), Denys Smith, 8-6 ... L. Charnock 1
9 0100 Folk Hero (B,D), S. Norton, 8-5 ... M. Wood 5 17
10 0041 Clewiston, M. Camacho, 8-6 ... G. Gosney 5 4
11 000100 Bird's Custard, M. W. Easterby, 8-4 ... B. Raymond 7
12 203042 Purple Mark (B), C. Brittain, 8-4 ... E. Hide 9
18 030 Shorwood Lass, R. Hollinshead, 8-2 ... T. Ives 18
19 000300 Francesita, M. W. Easterby, 8-2 ... C. Moss 13
20 004400 Middlestone Queen, W. A. Stephenson, 8-0 ... G. Duffield 5
23 422420 Noble Mistress, W. H. Williams, 7-11 ... J. Lowe 20
24 014041 Melody Song (D), W. Haigh, 7-11 ... K. Darley 3 13
25 021 Miss Falcon (D), M. Camacho, 7-10 ... A. Mercer 5 19
27 030 Warmspun Proof, W. A. Stephenson, 7-8 ... A. Nesbitt 7 10
28 002221 Whistling Jet (B,D), E. Carr, 7-8 ... S. Webster 6
29 100404 Megans Girl, J. Hardy, 7-8 ... C. Eccleston 11
32 3010 Helen's Sceptre (C), P. Asquith, 7-7 ... M. Eatwell 7 12

11-4 Purple Mark, 9-2 Con-Man, 11-2 Pinkerton's Man, 7-1 Clewiston, 10-1 Whistling Jet, 12-1 Melody Song, Miss Falcon, 14-1 Our Melody, Sensing, 16-1 others.

3.45 BROMPTON HANDICAP (3-y-o: Apprentices: £793: 1½m)

1 020421 Martial Game, E. Weymes, 10-4 ... M. Price 7 5
3 212010 Bright Charlie, T. Fairhurst, 9-1 ... P. McDermott 10
4 032010 Surprising Prince, B. Hanbury, 8-11 ... S. Young 9
5 04142 Castle Moon, J. Dunlop, 8-7 ... S. McCormack 4
6 420-040 Never Die, I. Walker, 8-6 ... P. Colquhoun 1
7 0-34000 Another Sunshine (C), J. Etherington, 8-5 ... R. Barter 8
8 340034 Hilberight, G. Richards, 8-3 ... D. Dodd 6
9 044003 Duka, R. Jarvis, 8-4 ... M. Fry 11
10 030000 Rainford Star, S. Nesbitt, 8-3 ... D. Sykes 7 5
11 001000 Grey Magic, Miss S. Hall, 8-5 ... A. Nesbitt 2
12 401340 Floreat Salopia, R. Hollinshead, 8-0 ... J. Bough 7 7

15-8 Martial Game, 3-1 Castle Moon, 9-2 Bright Charlie, 7-1 Hilberight, 10-1 Surprising Prince, 14-1 Floreat Salopia, Duka, 16-1 others.

4.15 HICKLETON HANDICAP (£1,808: 1m)

1 044021 My Therape, M. Stoute, 4-10-5 ... J. Rowe 5 9
3 024003 Digitalis, J. Hardy, 4-10-0 ... P. Madden 4
4 102120 Serigma (D), J. Etherington, 3-9-8 ... G. Duffield 3
6 101010 Pams Gleam (D), R. Hollinshead, 5-9-4 ... K. Darley 3 8
7 120114 Marston, E. Carr, 3-9-2 ... S. Webster 10
11 000440 Whitby Jet, J. Calvert, 3-9-1 ... T. Thompson 7 11
13 031043 Referendum (D), C. Thornton, 5-8-10 ... E. Apter 1
15 002202 Aston Fire, G. Hunter, 4-8-8 ... E. Hide 7
16 040310 Flash Fire (D), Denys Smith, 4-8-8 ... A. Nesbitt 7 8
17 10117- Mayhem (CD), M. Camacho, 5-8-5 ... J. Bleasdale 2
19 0-04000 La Raine, T. Fairhurst, 4-7-8 ... M. Maith 7 6

9-4 Serigma, 7-2 Marston, 9-2 My Therape, 13-2 Referendum, 8-1 Flash Fire, 12-1 Pams Gleam, 14-1 Digitalis, 16-1 others.

4.45 ABBEY LANDS STAKES (Div I: 2-y-o maiden fillies: £1,048: 6f)

1 00 Alicia Markova, M. Stoute, 8-11 ... T. Ives 12
4 40 Beltichbourne, J. Dunlop, 8-11 ... R. Muddle 5 7
5 0 Bunnycraft, M. W. Easterby, 8-11 ... C. Moss 15
8 0 Easter Candle, Doug Smith, 8-11 ... E. Eldin 4
10 03220 Fair Mark, M. Jarvis, 8-11 ... B. Raymond 19
12 00 Fine Honey, S. Wainwright, 8-11 ... S. Perks 1
13 0020 Fleet Fen, W. Wharton, 8-11 ... C. Eccleston 2
15 0 Gay Walk, Miss S. Hall, 8-11 ... M. Birch 11
16 0 Greek Blessing, W. Elsey, 8-11 ... P. Madden 14
18 3 Haven Bridge, H. Cecil, 8-11 ... G. Lewis 18
20 003049 Lady Bluetran, G. Lewis, 8-11 ... — 16
26 00 Morton Terrace, D. Doyle, 8-11 ... O. Gray 3
31 00 Owenanses, B. Wilkinson, 8-11 ... S. Webster 6
32 Passchendaele, C. Thornton, 8-11 ... J. Bleasdale 9
34 004 Pilacombe, C. Brittain, 8-11 ... E. Hide 8
35 40 Pomander, W. H.-Bass, 8-11 ... K. Darley 3 13
42 00 Pranky, J. W. Watts, 8-11 ... J. Lowe 17
46 43 Renovation, E. Weymes, 8-11 ... G. Duffield 5
52 Sultans Treasure, W. Marshall, 8-11 ... P. Perkins 10

2-1 Fair Mark, 100-30 Haven Bridge, 9-3 Pilacombe, 7-1 Renovation, 10-1 Beltichbourne, 14-1 Pomander, Fleet Fen, 16-1 others.

5.15 NESS STAKES (Div II: 2-y-o: £654: 1m)

7 Gu0000 The Mo, K. Ivory, 8-11 ... K. Leason 10
8 200400 The Rip, A. Smith, 8-11 ... G. McDermott 7 7
11 0030 Clay Lane, S. Nesbitt, 8-8 ... A. Nesbitt 7 1
13 00 Gleaming Lady, D. Doyle, 8-8 ... J. Stockton 7 5
15 0030 Jo-Anne, E. Carr, 8-8 ... B. Raymond 8
18 0000 Metallurgy, W. A. Stephenson, 8-8 ... J. Bleasdale 2
19 00000 Paronias, R. Hobson, 8-8 ... C. Dwyer 3
21 00400 Roanberry, M. W. Easterby, 8-8 ... C. Moss 6
22 00 Sykella, C. Brittain, 8-8 ... E. Hide 9
25 2 Tudor Scholar, Hbt Jones, 8-8 ... E. Eldin 4

7-4 Tudor Scholar, 5-2 Jo-Anne, 9-2 The Nip, 13-2 Metallurgy, 10-1 Sykella, 12-1 Roanberry, 16-1 others.

5.45 ABBEY LANDS STAKES (Div II: 2-y-o maiden fillies: £1,043: 6f)

2 0 Aske-A-Lady, T. Fairhurst, 8-11 ... N. Crowther 3 11
6 3 Cherchez La Femme, G. Richards, 8-11 ... O. Gray 3
9 000 Elegant Jill, E. Carr, 8-11 ... M. Beecroft 7 10
11 0000 Fine Home (B), Denys Smith, 8-11 ... L. Charnock 17
13 004 *Flying Fire*, R. Hobbs, 8-11 ... G. Lewis 15
15 0 Kalash, I. Walker, 8-11 ... B. Raymond 4
17 00 Loyal and Regal, W. Wharton, 8-11 ... C. Eccleston 16
18 04 Lyndale, W. Haigh, 8-11 ... T. Ives 13
19 000 Mmilamus, M. W. Easterby, 8-11 ... C. Moss 8
20 My Saint Anne, Hbt Jones, 8-11 ... E. Eldin 1
21 Piccadilly Circus, C. Thornton, 8-11 ... J. Bleasdale 12
22 P. Penelope, Mrs N. Birch, 8-11 ... T. O'Ryan 5
23 0 Red Jeans, Miss S. Hall, 8-11 ... M. Birch 18
24 00 Red Ragusa, C. Crossley, 8-11 ... E. Apter 6
27 0- Ridans Girl, G. P.-Gordon, 8-11 ... G. Duffield 14
30 Simran, C. Brittain, 8-11 ... E. Hide 6
32 002200 Snow Chief, W. Elsey, 8-11 ... J. Lowe 11
35 Swallow Street, W. H.-Bass, 8-11 ... S. Young 7 2

15-8 Cherchez La Femme, 11-4 Snow Chief, 9-2 Flying Fire, 15-2 Fine Home, 10-1 Lyndale, 14-1 Red Jeans, Mmilamus, 16-1 others.

* Doubtful runner.

Thirsk selections

By Our Racing Staff
2.15 Tarbor. 2.45 Headwind. 3.15 Clewiston. 3.45 Castle Moon. 4.15 My Therape. 4.45 Haven Bridge. 5.15 Paronias. 5.45 Ridans Girl.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.45 Headwind. 3.15 Purple Mark. 3.45 Duka. 4.15 My Therape. 4.45 Haven Bridge. 5.15 Sykella. 5.45 Ridans Girl.

Great Yarmouth selections

By Our Racing Staff
2.15 Willydoo. 2.45 Lukoshko. 3.15 Smartset. 3.45 Miss Mirage. 4.15 Robust. 4.45 Bullfighter.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.15 Willydoo. 2.45 Lukoshko. 3.15 Smartset. 3.45 Miss Mirage. 4.15 Robust. 4.45 Bullfighter.

Sandown Park programme

[Television (IBA): 2.30, 3.5 and 3.40 races]

2.0 AUTUMN STAKES (3-y-o: 1m 2f: £1,341)

3 00-0032 Box of Tricks, J. Tree, 9-0 ... J. Mercer 6
4 020303 Dyk-a-Tak, C. Benstead, 9-0 ... B. Rouse 2
6 020020 Jaymor, P. Kelleway, 9-0 ... W. Carson 5
7 00 Lustroso, G. Harwood, 9-0 ... G. Starkey 1
8 000200 Mecarillo, H. Price, 9-0 ... B. Taylor 3
9 0-01034 Multiply, D. Laing, 9-0 ... P. Cook 7
10 0 Music by Hand, L. Cumani, 9-0 ... O. Baxter 8
11 00 Pallikari, C. Brittain, 9-0 ... A. Bond 9
13 000000 Quillan, M. Francis, 9-0 ... J. Reid 10
14 0-00300 Starshot, J. Holt, 9-0 ... P. Waldron 4

7-3 Lustroso, 4-1 Box of Tricks, 5-1 Jaymor, 6-1 Music by Hand, 8-1 Mecarillo, Multiply, 12-1 Dyk-a-Tak, Pallikari, 30-1 Starshot, 25-1 Quillan.

2.30 ORLEANS HANDICAP (2-y-o: 5f: £1,786)

203 033141 Hedingham Lad, W. O'Gorman, 9-3 ... G. Starkey 8
205 120042 Concore (D), E. Reavey, 9-1 ... J. Reid 6
206 210002 City Link Lass, P. Ashworth, 9-1 ... B. Rouse 5
207 13400 Kassak (D), P. Ashworth, 8-13 ... J. Mercer 7
208 302400 Rose of Shenfield, M. Haynes, 8-13 ... — 10
209 1 Newmatic (D), H. Price, 8-12 ... B. Taylor 1
211 0300 La-Don, R. Hannon, 8-10 ... W. Carson 3
214 001422 Portola (D), A. Ingham, 8-6 ... J. Lynch 9
216 031322 Lisa Laser (D), P. Kelleway, 8-2 ... P. Waldron 4
218 007 Ben's the Boy, J. Holt, 7-10 ... W. R. Swinburn 7 2

4-1 Lisa Laser, 9-2 Concore, 5-1 Newmatic, 6-1 Hedingham Lad, La-Don, 8-1 Portola, 10-1 City Link Lass, 12-1 Kassak, 16-1 Rose of Shenfield, 25-1 Ben's the Boy.

3.5 SOLARIO STAKES (2-y-o: 7f: £4,721)

301 01121 Bolide, W. Hern, 9-4 ... W. Carson 7
302 1 Boden's Ride, H. Price, 9-1 ... B. Taylor 2
303 11 Lyphard's Wish (D), H. Cecil, 9-1 ... J. Mercer 3
304 410 Galaxy Virgo, R. Hannon, 8-12 ... G. Sexton 6
306 002100 Intercraft Boy, W. Marshall, 8-11 ... P. Cook 5
308 1420 Sander's Lad, P. Cole, 8-11 ... G. Baxter 4
309 1 Torus (D), R. Houghton, 8-11 ... J. Reid 1

10-11 Lyphard's Wish, 4-1 Bolide, 5-1 Boden's Ride, 8-1 Torus, 14-1 Sander's Lad, 20-1 Galaxy Virgo, Intercraft Boy.

3.40 HOOK HANDICAP (2m £1,651)

402 010420 Sea Kestrel (D), Mrs R. Lomax, 8-9-5 ... D. McKay 3
404 123211 Hardirondo, S. Woodman, 5-8-10 ... P. Cook 1
405 0-00102 Kerkorian, B. Price, 5-8-10 ... B. Taylor 2
406 0-00143 Sofronoff, J. Dunlop, 5-8-8 ... W. Carson 4
408 000312 Ernel, C. Benstead, 4-7-7 ... M. Roberts 5

7-4 Hardirondo, 6-2 Sea Kestrel, 3-1 Kerkorian, 4-1 Sofronoff, 8-1 Ernel.

4.10 SEPTEMBER HANDICAP (3-y-o: 7f £1,710)

503 012342 House Guard (D), R. Armstrong, 9-12 ... J. Mercer 6
504 2-00022 Discreet, M. Stoute, 9-8 ... G. Starkey 2
505 040040 Hackbridge, T. Gosling, 9-0 ... G. Baxter 1
506 104402 King Alfred, W. Wightman, 9-6 ... S. Woolley 7 4
507 001002 Soul Singer (D), B. Swift, 9-2 ... J. Lynch 7
509 221300 Sandford Lass, H. Price, 8-12 ... B. Taylor 5
512 100210 Slitherum, R. Hannon, 8-5 ... W. Carson 8
513 000100 Sun Lamp (D), R. Akehurst, 8-2 ... P. Waldron 3

9-4 Discreet, 3-1 Soul Singer, 5-1 Sandford Lass, 6-1 House Guard, 8-1 King Alfred, 10-1 Hackbridge, 16-1 Sun Lamp, 20-1 Slitherum.

4.45 ATALANTA STAKES (3-y-o fillies: 1m: £2,401)

601 4-07100 Budget Queen, D. Keith, 9-0 ... P. Cook 6
602 4100 Martingale (D), H. Cecil, 9-0 ... J. Mercer 3
606 214304 Baccalaureate, H. Wragg, 8-9 ... G. Starkey 4
607 120003 Miss Noname, J. Sutcliffe, 8-9 ... W. Carson 2
608 04-0201 Wolveriana (D), J. Winter, 8-9 ... B. Taylor 5
611 221- Count Barns, H. Wragg, 8-5 ... G. Baxter 1

2-1 Baccalaureate, 5-1 Miss Noname, 4-1 Martingale, 5-1 Budget Queen, 8-1 Count Barn, 14-1 Wolveriana.

Sandown Park selections

By Our Racing Staff
2.0 Pallikari. 2.30 Hedingham Lad. 3.5 Lyphard's Wish. 3.40 Sea Kestrel. 4.10 Discreet. 4.45 Court Barns.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.0 Pallikari. 2.30 Hedingham Lad. 3.5 Lyphard's Wish. 4.10 Discreet. 4.45 Court Barns.

Great Yarmouth programme

2.15 COTMAN STAKES (2-y-o: £1,007: 5f)

1 000 Admiral Song, P. Haslam, 9-0 ... B. Jago 16
2 300004 Baci (B), R. Armstrong, 9-0 ... — 17
3 00 Baltarian, J. Winter, 9-0 ... A. Kimberley 6
4 00000 Balvima, A. Dalton, 9-0 ... — 11
7 000000 Dawn Preview, D. Dale, 9-0 ... D. Ryan 3
12 Valeriga, L. Cumani, 9-0 ... P. Eddery 15
13 402323 Willydoo, W. Marshall, 9-0 ... R. Marshall 1
14 3000 Arctic Duet (B), D. Ringer, 8-11 ... P. Young 5 3
15 34 Buz Kashi, H. Wragg, 8-11 ... F. Durr 9
16 000334 Gelliflawr, M. Salaman, 8-11 ... A. Cousins 13
17 Golden Zipper, P. Metcalfe, 8-11 ... — 1
18 0 Jamal, W. Wharton, 8-11 ... W. Wharton 5 8
19 0 Kims Habit, G. P.-Gordon, 8-11 ... M. Rimmer 7 10
20 0 Marcy Cure, V. Mitchell, 8-11 ... P. Tulk 7
21 Mock Sun, R. Jarvis, 8-11 ... M. Thomas 4
22 000 Radiant Girl (B), T. Waugh, 8-11 ... R. Fox 14
25 Twins Fire, R. Boss, 8-11 ... C. Gorderey 12

5-2 Willydoo, 7-2 Buz Kashi, 4-1 Valerigo, 5-1 Baci, 13-2 Baltarian, 8-1 Gelliflawr, 16-1 others.

2.45 DAWSON TURNER STAKES (2-y-o: £526: 5f)

1 002 Lukoshko (B), P. Haslam, 8-11 ... B. Jago 2
4 024030 Spanish Philip, W. Marshall, 8-11 ... R. Marshall 4
5 0 Baby Flo, D. Ringer, 8-8 ... M. Thomas 5
6 000000 Beckingdale, D. Dale, 8-8 ... D. Ryan 7
10 Lyric Girl, M. Salaman, 8-8 ... A. Cousins 6
13 000000 Sharp Miss (B), G. Blum, 8-8 ... P. Eddery 8
14 020300 Speedway Princess, K. Ivory, 8-8 ... W. Wharton 5 3
15 042000 Star Lady, K. Ivory, 8-8 ... J. McLean 7 1

6-4 Lukoshko, 4-1 Spanish Philip, 9-2 Beckingdale, 6-1 Lyric Girl, 9-1 Baby Flo, 12-1 Speedway Princess, 16-1 others.

3.15 APPLEGATE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,763: 1m)

1 104410 Casino Royale (D), Doug Smith, 10-0 ... M. Thomas 8
4 11-0000 So Gifted (B), M. Stoute, 9-7 ... M. Giles 7
6 023301 Come Play With Me (D), N. Callaghan, 8-13 ... P. Eddery 2
7 000400 Telecommunication, W. Marshall, 8-9 ... R. Marshall 4
9 0-00003 Malgalatti (C,D), T. Molony, 8-6 ... W. Wharton 5 3
12 2-03214 Smartset, J. Winter, 8-0 ... R. Fox 6
14 002341 Late Idea (CD,B), T. Molony, 7-12 ... S. Parr 7 9
16 000-002 Hot Sun, W. Holden, 7-7 ... P. Robinson 7 1
17 1-00030 Robert Adam (D), N. Callaghan, 7-7 ... R. Still 5

5-2 Smartset, 5-1 Come Play With Me, 5-1 Casino Royale, 11-2 Late Idea, 8-1 Telecommunication, 12-1 So Gifted, 14-1 others.

3.45 CROME STAKES (3-y-o maidens: £847: 1¼m)

2 220324 Jerson (B), N. Callaghan, 9-0 ... P. Eddery 1
3 324244 Let Us Love, L. Cumani, 8-11 ... A. Auld 7 3
5 330322 Miss Mirage, R. Armstrong, 8-11 ... M. Thomas 5
6 0022 Olympic Loser, G. P.-Gordon, 8-11 ... F. Durr 2
7 0-0000 Royal Tonic, J. Powney, 8-11 ... S. Parr 7 4

2-1 Olympic Loser, 5-2 Let Us Love, 4-1 Jerson, 9-2 Miss Mirage, 13-1 Royal Tonic.

4.15 MUNNINGS HANDICAP (£1,255: 1¼m)

1 4-03042 *Fary Fisherman (C,B), J. Hindley, 4-10-0 ... — 1
2 012030 English Export (D), Denys Smith, 4-9-11 ... W. Wharton 5 4
6 404-133 Robust, R. Jarvis, 3-9-5 ... —
7 30-0000 Funny Valentine (CD,B), J. Powney, 5-9-0 ... M. Thomas 7
9 400021 Black Crow, W. Guest, 4-8-13 ... S. Parr 7 9
10 142-212 Aytiders, D. Ringer, 5-8-6 ... D. Yates 8
11 040034 Whirlow Green (CD,B), J. Winter, 7-8-3 ... F. Durr 5
13 003300 Welsh Soldier, M. Salaman, 4-8-2 ... P. Eddery 6
15 000000 Pop A Long, H. Wragg, 3-7-11 ... R. Still 3

9-1 Robust, 5-1 Aytiders, 9-2 English Export, 6-1 Welsh Soldier, 7-1 Whirlow Green, 16-1 others.

4.45 VINCENT HANDICAP (£1,166: 7f)

5 031021 Bullfighter (D), H. Cecil, 5-9-2 ... P. Durr 4
6 042220 Can Run (CD), D. Gandolfo, 5-8-12 ... M. Thomas 5
9 300400 Prince of Light (CD), B. Lunness, 6-8-7 ... P. Eddery 6
10 02-1031 Eve (CD), T. Molony, 6-8-1 ... —
17 040040 *Tanaro* (B), *P. Kelleway*, 4-7-7 ... S. Parr 7 1
22 003-201 Continuing Story, G. Blum, 4-7-7 ... P. Martin 7 3
— R. Still 2

6-4 Bullfighter, 100-30 Eve, 5-1 Can Run, 7-1 Tanaro, 8-1 Prince of Light, 14-1 Continuing Story.

*Doubtful runner

Great Yarmouth results

2.15 (2.20) FEE FARM STAKES (2-y-o: £1,215: 7f)
Markie, br c, by On Your Mark—Jeannelle (L. Amies), 9-0 ... G. Starkey (11-4) 1
The Bedford ... P. Eddery (5-4 fav) 2
Barley Hill ... G. Lewis (7-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-1 Royal Resident, 20-1 All Is Great (4th), China Station, Nick's Throwout, 25-1 Haverhill Lad, Last Gamble, 33-1 Classified, Ibn Sari, Big Force, Frau Man, Whistler's Image, Worth Avenue, Gneissing, Hot Lips, Moll, Iolimo, Only a Whim, Wasantha. 20 ran.
TOTE: Win, 55p; places, 12p, 11p, 14p; dual forecast, 23p. M. Stoute, at Newmarket. ½l, 2l.

2.45 (2.49) MANBY HANDICAP (£1,500: 1m)
Lead An Ear, ch g, by Matador—Petronella (1. Walker), 11-8-13 ... P. Eddery (7-1) 1
Highland Player ... J. Hayes (11-1) 2
Bella Nova ... D. Nicholls (7-4 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Current Belle, 6-1 Solus, 15-2 Rare Beauty, 12-1 Little Sir (4th), 20-1 Day Two, 25-1 Fast Bowler, Valpolicella, Dusky Warrior. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 64p; places, 18p, 48p, 13p; dual forecast, £1.73. I. Walker, at Newmarket. 5l, hd, ½l.

3.15 (3.18) SARAH MARTIN HANDICAP (2-y-o: £1,690: 6f)
Gleneagle, b f, by Swing Easy—Durring May (P. Jones), 8-8 ... G. Starkey (5-2) 1
Gold Prospector ... M. L. Thomas (10-1) 2
Hazard Chase ... P. Eddery (9-4 fav) 3
ALSO RAN: 3-1 High Roller, 7-1 Gold Song, 8-1 Araby, 33-1 Saintflick (4th). 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 19p; places, 25p, 50p; dual forecast, 91p. M. Stoute, at Newmarket. Hd, 2l.

3.45 (3.48) SIR HAROLD CASSEL HANDICAP (£1,951: 1¼m)
Eastern Spring, br c, by Queen's Hussar—Arrowalk (Mrs T. Vittadini), 4-9-5 ... G. Starkey (6-1) 1
Crystal Coach ... J. Mercer (6-5 fav) 2
Flying Empress ... E. Eldin (11-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 11-1 Irish Noble, 14-1 Square Note, 20-1 Dulcidene (4th), Money In. 7 ran.
TOTE: Win, 55p; places, 17p, 14p; dual forecast, 18p. L. Cumani, at Newmarket. 1½l, 3l.

4.15 PEREBROWN STAKES (2-y-o: £1,032: 5f)
Abde, b c, by Bulldar—Makura (A. Foustouk), 9-7 ... P. Eddery (2-9 fav) 1
Superb Lady ... K. Leason (5-1) 2
Foctsile ... R. Marshall (9-1) 3
TOTE: Win, 14p; dual forecast, 16p. W. O'Gorman at Newmarket. 1½l, 10l. 3 ran. Quantum Major did not run.

4.45 (4.48) PAGET STAKES (3-y-o: £915: 1½m)
Ellidiana, b f, by Great Nephew—Lilieta (Mrs E. Pelmiczi), 8-11 ... G. Starkey (4-6 fav) 1
Nicoletta ... P. Eddery (4-2) 2
Kansu ... F. Durr (10-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 4-2 Record Choice (4th), 11-1 Such Bliss, 20-1 Wilaire, 25-1 Italian Connection, 50-1 Connie Graces, Sir Haste, The Kaffir, Captain Ring. 11 ran.
TOTE: Win, 26p; places, 12p, 21p, 13p; dual forecast, 77p. L. Cumani at Newmarket. Gl, 11.

TOTE DOUBLE: Gleneagle, Abde, £3.55. TREBLE: Lead An Ear, Eastern Spring, Ellidiana, £37.60.

Devon and Exeter

2.15: 1, Kuanau (evens fav); 2, Straight Thorn (7-2); 3, Simonc Martini (9-2). 3 ran.
2.45: 1, Mighty Marine (4-1); 2, His Myth (6-4 jt fav); 3, Mouldy Old Dough (6-4 jt fav). 8 ran.
3.15: 1, Point Lookout (5-1); 2, Stile Over Baby (3-1); 3, All Rivers (2-1 fav). 6 ran. Bishop Burton did not run.
3.45: 1, Gammers How (5-4); 2, Persian Prince (evens fav); 3, Inycarra (5-1). 5 ran.
4.15: 1, Jims Double (4-1 fav); 2, Purston Princess (13-2); 3, Magra Lee (13-2). 12 ran.
4.45: 1, Roiyat (11-4); 2, Birthage Wat (14-1); 3, Saran Style (1-2). 5 ran.

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2.0: 1, Brazung (8-11); 2, Go to Town (6-1); 3, Union Bridge (12-1). Kalar Park 17-4 fav. 10 ran. Abyssinia did not run.
2.30: 1, Peacock Vale (6-1); 2, Mister Evens fav; 3, Technatic (11-1). 8 ran.
3.0: 1, Soul Music (Evens fav); 2, Fermin Lad (13-1); 3, Super Suave (Evens jt fav). 7 ran.
3.30: 1, Menehall (15-8); 2, Tudor Flight (11-1); 3, Highland Orchid (9-4 fav). 7 ran.
4.0: 1, Glissando (6-4 fav); 2, Equivocal (11-4); 3, Locke Devil (20-1). 8 ran. Red Ambion did not run.
4.30: 1, Tinglodu (2-4); 2, Bosino (11-8 fav); 3, Micgillied (6-1). 6 ran.

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A SPECIAL REPORT

NAMIBIA

Disagreement over timing as independence approaches

by Denis Taylor

Thirty years of international wrangling over the mineral-rich former German colony of South-west Africa are coming to a head. The eventual outcome is still far from certain, but the decades of worldwide legal and political shadow-boxing have been replaced by a time of inescapable, hard decisions.

The breakthrough came when the two chief adversaries, the South African Government, which administers the territory, and the South-west Africa People's Organization of Namibia (Swapo), were persuaded to go along with the proposals drafted by five western nations. Swapo is recognized by the United Nations as the "sole authentic representative of the people of Namibia".

The proposals aim to provide an effective basis for an agreement for an independent Namibia, in accordance with Resolution 385, unanimously adopted by the United Nations Security Council on January 30, 1976.

This American, British, Canadian, French and West German plan includes a ceasefire, the restriction of South African and Swapo forces to base, the rundown of South African troops to 1,500 men and the holding of an election under United Nations supervision. This would choose a constituent assembly to draw up a constitution for an independent Namibia. All adults would be eligible to vote regardless of ethnic origin.

Political detainees, and refugees, "detained or otherwise outside the territory of Namibia", would be allowed to return and take part without risk in elections.

December 31 is the proposed deadline for independence. The South Africans have been treating this as gospel, although they have also modified their stance by suggesting that the crucial thing is to get the constituent assembly in business by that date. The argument is that Pretoria would have established its good faith and that progress towards independence would then be in the hands of elected representatives.

The authorities have been registering voters and claim that three quarters of those eligible are now enrolled. But the validity of this is challenged by government opponents who argue that the process should be carried out under United Nations supervision.

Two days ago Dr Kurt Waldheim, Secretary General of the United Nations, proposed that a peace-keeping force of 7,500 should be sent to the territory. He also said it would be impossible to keep to the December 31 deadline. Independence would have to be put back to about next June. His report was made soon after Mr Martti Ahtisaari, the UN Special Representative for Namibia, ended a 16-day fact-finding visit there.

Swapo now operates quite openly as a political movement inside South-west Africa. But several thousand guerrillas and Ovambo refugees whom they claim as their supporters are based outside the country and so cannot be registered. The internal wing of Swapo alleges that pressure is being used against voters, including threats to their wages and jobs, if they fail to enrol.

Even the much more middle-of-the-road Namibia National Front says it wants time for Swapo exiles to be allowed to return and for an election to be internationally acceptable.

The irony is that conservative interests, essentially the South Africans and the Democratic Turnhalle Alliance, comprising 11 white, black and coloured parties led by Mr Dirk Mudge, want an early transition to independence while the more nationalist politicians want the date delayed.

Conservative politicians feel, and probably correctly, that an early election would help them. But it by no means follows that groups identified with the status quo would do well enough in an election which would be about breaking with the South African administration.

As Dr Waldheim says, if the seven-month timetable envisaged by the UN is followed, it will be impossible for an independent state to be created by December 31. If South Africa were to decide unilaterally to grant independence this would create a similar problem to that which Pretoria faces over its creation of independent black homelands. There would be no international recognition of such a Namibia.

South-west Africa has been tied in with South Africa since the First World War, when the German possession was occupied. Control was reinforced by the League of Nations Mandate of 1920.

When the League was superseded by the United Nations, South Africa refused to accept that its right to administer the territories was affected.

Relations with the United Nations worsened as Pretoria, where the Nationalists began their unbroken years of rule in 1948, not only ignored moves by the world body and the International *Court of Justice*, but consolidated its hold by introducing the full apparatus of apartheid.

The mainly Afrikaans or German - speaking white South-west Africans, who call themselves "South-westers" and refer to South Africa itself as "the Republic", are independently minded. But South Africa has grown to regard Namibia as a fifth province, and this unofficial status was reinforced by the presence of South African civil servants, communications and economic interdependence. There are also the South African troops who have been fighting Swapo guerrillas in the northern bush since the mid-1960s.

The deaths of nine South African soldiers at Katima Mulilo in Caprivi, when this was shelled from Zambian territory last week, make this the highest number of South African casualties in a single incident to date since the war began. The Zambians denied their forces were involved in the attack, which came within hours of Mr Ahtisaari's departure from Namibia.

If this type of attack continues, it could lead the South Africans to claim that Swapo is only interested in achieving power through the barrel of a gun.

White South Africa distrusts the United Nations. There is also great suspicion about present Western, particularly American and British, policies on southern Africa.

The general reaction to Mr Ahtisaari was: "He seems impartial, but can he be?" The special representative's main effort in comments to the press during his visit was to reassure white opinion in Namibia and in South Africa that he was determined to be fair.

This was no easy task, given his background. Mr Ahtisaari is a former Finnish ambassador to Tanzania, and his appointment as United Nations special representative was suggested by President Nyerere, Dr Kaunda of Zambia and Swapo.

Mr Ahtisaari attends meetings of the Organization of African Unity, regularly visits the Lusaka seat of the Institute for Namibia, and is said to get on well with key black leaders.

Mr Justice Marchinus Steyn, Administrator-General of South-west Africa/Namibia, publicly referred to the United Nations diplomat in the most cordial, personal terms. Mr Justice Steyn has shown much political skill in the role which he took on 12 months ago.

During the past 12 months, he has been able to exercise what he calls "a very great measure of independent discretion". He has been able to dismantle key segregationist laws, like those curbing black use of hotels and restaurants, and most notably the ban on marriages across colour lines.

Anomalies like restrictions on residential areas remain, but significant changes in society traditionally regarded as the most white supremacist in southern Africa have been made without the roof falling in.

But behind Judge Steyn's geniality there is plenty of toughness. Although Swapo is allowed to operate openly as a political movement, the administrator-general has no hesitation in detaining people he considers a threat to public order.

"I have the power of detention until I feel they are no longer a threat. Some I have been releasing, convinced that these people have seen the error of their ways", he said. "Less than 20 have been put away."

The changes already made in apartheid may seem significant concessions to the whites. But the blacks, who outnumber them nine to one, are unlikely to think so.

In recent years the territory experienced labour unrest among the dominant Ovambos. There have been public floggings of men and women of the tribe from which Swapo draws its support, charges and denials of torture and deportations of bishops and priests.

No one knows whether a Swapo-led Namibia would allow these experiences to colour their actions, or whether there could be a new start for a new Namibia and for all Namibians, irrespective of race. No one knows whether Swapo would be able to consolidate its appeal to non-Ovambo youth.

No one knows the true strength of ethnic politics because they have never been tested in a national election open to all races. No one knows whether the apparently intensifying guerrilla war will end and whether there will be an election.

South Africa does not consider itself bound by the Security Council's recommendations. This reservation could be crucial or it could be semantic.

But while much could still go wrong, many observers feel considerably more optimistic about the eventual outcome in Namibia than they do about Rhodesia.





South African security forces in the bush war (above). Left: Swapo supporters wait to greet Mr Martti Ahtisaari (bottom). Below: Mr Justice Steyn, Administrator-General of Namibia.





Photographs: Aymon and Ingelore Frank



Swapo HQ's air of normality is deceptive

by Denis Taylor

The South-west Africa People's Organization (Swapo) has an office in the centre of Windhoek only a few minutes' stroll from the other parties' headquarters. The building houses business premises and the Windhoek Club.

But the outward air of normality is deceptive. Unlike the other parties, which are preparing themselves to fight an election to determine Namibia's future, Swapo has its leader and several thousand of its supporters still in exile.

The bearded, mission-educated Mr Sam Nujoma left the territory in 1960, the year Swapo was born. His cofounder, Mr Herman Toivo ja Toivo, has been imprisoned on Robben Island off Cape Town since 1968.

Before free elections, Mr Toivo ja Toivo would have to be released from his 20-year sentence. There is speculation whether he and Mr Nujoma would collaborate, which would certainly strengthen Swapo's appeal, or whether a power struggle would develop between them.

Swapo's military wing is carrying on a guerrilla war from Angola and Zambia. The South Africans say it has been intensified in recent weeks, but Swapo members in Windhoek deny this and claim that the level has not changed.

The South Africans draw attention to the deaths of three of their soldiers and five guerrillas in a bush encounter, days after the United Nations team arrived in Windhoek, and the bombardment of a Caprivi town from Zambia within hours of the departure for New York of Mr Martti Ahtisaari, the United Nations special representative.

Swapo's opponents have latched on to apparent discrepancies in the peripatetic Mr Nujoma's statements, which are far from models of clarity. The degree of his commitment to taking part in free elections, even of his acceptance of the Western proposals, has been called into doubt.

The movement inside and outside Namibia has not been explicit enough for outsiders to be sure of its motives or even its political ambitions apart from the overriding one of coming to power. Its internal spokesmen emphasize that they are essentially nationalists and say that no decisions have been taken on whether they want a one-party state.

Although their power base is among the Ovambos, including the urban workers outside the tribal area, Swapo talks of uniting all Namibians. Other political parties, including the recently formed Swapo Democrats claim support among the Ovambos and dispute Swapo's claim to be other than an ethnic party. Nevertheless, the Ovambos are almost half the population of the territory, and many observers are backing Swapo's chances in an open election.

Mr Andreas Shipanga—the leader of the Swapo Democrats who was released from prison in Tanzania—and his followers claim that Mr Nujoma acts like a dictator and that more than 1,500 Swapo dissidents are detained, mainly in Zambia. They claim that the release of the latter, whose existence is denied by Swapo, would make an important impact in an election campaign.

Swapo claims that Mr Shipanga has collaborated with the South Africans. If this were true, it seems unlikely that he would have been released at this stage.

Mr Shipanga's central message is that the people of Namibia have been exploited and that this process must be reversed in a new country. Its programme describes Swapo as "a national liberation movement" and "the organized political vanguard of the oppressed and exploited people of Namibia".

The document provides scope for different interpretations. A commitment to "close cooperation with all progressive governments, organizations and popular forces for the total emancipation of the African continent" may be read by whites as proof that Swapo fits into a Soviet master plan.

Another Swapo policy, that of "winning independence by all possible means", can be quoted to reconcile the use of Russian weapons against South African troops and a willingness to take part in free elections.

A Swapo spokesman Windhoek summed up i case like this: "We ha been calling for electio under the supervision of t United Nations. We said were happy that the fi phase of the Western prop sals was going to be imp mented. South Africa s their acceptance becom conditional. South Afri says they will have to satisfied with Mr Ahtisaari report.

"Our answer is that South Africa withdraws fro the present political proces the armed struggle will continued."



Radical line on two vital issues

To the left of Mr Dirk Mudge's Turnhalle grouping is the Namibia National Front, an alliance including the Federal Party led by Mr Bryan O'Linn. Despite his Irish ancestry, he is an Afrikaner. A former civil servant and journalist and with six years in the South African police, he became a lawyer and is secretary-general of the NNF.

Born in the Orange Free State, he was brought up in South-west Africa. "I see myself as a Namibian", he says. His alliance includes the Damara Council, the Mbanderu Council, the National Independence Party and the South-west Africa National Union. The Swapo Democrats of Mr Andreas Shipanga, formed by opponents of Mr Sam Nujoma who were recently released from prison in Tanzania and their supporters abroad, have expressed the aim of applying for membership of the NNF.

The front specifically rejects any system based on race or ethnicity in a new state. Enforced apartheid should be made a criminal offence, it says. A Bill of human rights would be a keystone of a new constitution. Private enterprise would be encouraged but with the proviso that such activity should help to bridge the gap between white and black as soon as possible. Other economic targets are the encouragement of foreign investment and the promotion of trade with neighbouring countries.

Mr O'Linn, says that a new Namibia should have regional councils as well as a central government, but these should be elected on a non-racial basis.

A former leader of the United Party in the territory, he takes a surprisingly radical line on two of the vital issues, Walvis Bay and the timing of an election.

"South Africa's claim to Walvis Bay is without moral substance." Although negotiations on the harbour could be concluded after independence, "we must start negotiating about it". He foresaw that without talks this isolated piece of South African territory would become an emotional issue in Namibia, which Swapo would turn into an explosive one.

Namibian support for the harbour's incorporation into the new country would become almost total, and would include those whites who remained, who would think as Namibians. If South Africa held on, the blacks and Coloured people in Walvis Bay would not want to live under apartheid, and the whites there would have a terrible time. The NNF policy declaration defines Namibia as including Walvis Bay.

On the election, Mr O'Linn emphasizes the front's support for the Western proposals and argues that South Africa should not jeopardize the chances of agreement by any unilateral action. The present registration of voters was, he said, ill-timed. He wanted the whole process to be carried out in a way which would give confidence to Swapo and other parties. "December 31 was just a target date mentioned at the time on the assumption that it could be reached", he said.

An early election would give an advantage to the parties of the status quo, but it would be a superficial advantage, and they would impose an impracticable constitution, against the will of the majority. That would lead to more militancy.

While the NNF attacks the Democratic Turnhalle Alliance in such terms, the DTA accuses the front of being just another ethnic alliance and has spread reports of a split between the NNF and the Swapo Democrats.

D. T.

Leader of new party is nation's best known white politician

Mr Dirk Mudge is Namibia's best-known white politician in the world outside. A game farmer with 17 years in the territory's legislative assembly, he broke with the National Party of South-west Africa to lead the newly formed Republican Party last September, and has been chairman of the Democratic Turnhalle Alliance since November. Membership of the Republican Party is expressly limited to whites.

But having turned away from his former allegiance to a party supported by most of the white electorate and holding all assembly seats, and linked with the ruling party in South Africa, he is accused by those to his left of seeking to further Pretoria's policies under another guise.

One issue on which he is taking an opposite line from the Vorster Government is Walvis Bay. "We are in favour of getting Walvis Bay as part of this country", he said.

The DTA is an umbrella organization of 11 political groupings, essentially with ethnic bases. They include the Damara United Front and the Kavango and Nama alliances. The most prominent black in the alliance, Chief Clemens Kapuuo, of the Hereros, was assassinated in Windhoek last Easter Monday.

Named after the drillhall where white, black and coloured leaders held constitutional talks between 1975 and last year, the alliance proposes that a new state should have a national assembly with 60 members; each of the 11 groups represented at Turnhalle should have four seats. The other 16 would be distributed "proportionately according to their population figures as determined by the 1970 census".

This would give 12 to the Ovambos, six to the whites, and five each to the Damaras, Hereros, Kavangos, Namas, Caprivians and Coloureds. Four seats would each go to the Tswanas, the Bushmen and the Basters. These are a coloured group whose Afrikaans name means "half-castes" or "bastards", but by whom the title is considered far from pejorative.

Mr Mudge said that the alliance "did not want to divide this country into geographical areas of jurisdiction. We want to make this *country independent* as one Namibia. I don't want a black or white division. We should forget about colour in this country, but we can't forget about different ethnic groups."

The DTA hoped to have a democratic system "which means it will be wrong, we believe, if a single one of these groups were to be excluded from government".

Some of the ethnic groups did not like each other very much, and some were also afraid. "Swapo is mainly an Ovambo organization, and because of that it will never enjoy the support of other political groups", he said.

Mr Mudge is a physically big man. He is 50 and his hobby is flying. Like most of the whites, he is an Afrikaner. He explains himself with calm courtesy except when reacting vehemently to allegations that he is still Pretoria's man in the territory. "I am not pro or anti-South Africa", he says.

Companies in South-west and South Africa were giving money to the DTA but they were not getting any funds from the Pretoria Government. "Swapo is being financed from all over the globe", he counter-claimed.

Opponents have also latched on to the DTA's proposed second-tier authorities which would have "personal authority over all those persons who . . . are members of the population group for which the authority concerned has been *established*".

These authorities would have powers over traditional land areas. The argument is that property rights would be safeguarded. The Turnhalle chairman says that provision would have to be made for individual blacks to buy land anywhere. Residential areas and farms would be open to all, irrespective of colour.

Mr Mudge said that allegations that the DTA was seeking to create Bantustans were nonsense. All these representative authorities could even be in Windhoek, he added.

D. T.



Walvis Bay is South Africa's only real bargaining card

by Ray Kennedy

Almost 100 years ago, Lord Kimberley, then Secretary for the Colonies, wrote: "Walvis Bay was proclaimed British territory at the instance of the Cape Colony on the ground of the importance of controlling the only port along the great extent of the coast through which arms and trade can pass into the interior".

Today as South-west Africa stumbles along the rocky diplomatic road to becoming independent Namibia, the words of Lord Kimberley have taken on increased relevance.

The United Nations Security Council has called for the reintegration of the 275 *square mile Walvis Bay* enclave in an independent Namibia and Mr Sam Nujoma, Swapo leader, insists that it always "has been and is and will forever be an integral part of Namibia".

South Africa has rejected the Security Council resolution out of hand as having no legal basis. In terms of constitutional and international law there can be little dispute of South Africa's claim to Walvis Bay. It was formally annexed by Britain in 1878, incorporated into the Cape Colony in 1885 and consolidated into the Union of South Africa in 1910.

It was specifically excluded from the League of Nations mandate in 1920 and from South-west Africa as an international territory. Swapo, however, protests that "Namibians cannot be bound by colonial treaties from the 1880s in which they had no part".

Behind all this political postulating, however, is the fact that South Africa, in the protracted negotiations with the western big five contact group over South-west Africa's independence, has made it clear it would probably agree to surrender Walvis Bay once it was assured that the government of the new country was peaceful in its intentions towards Pretoria.

But at the moment it remains South Africa's only real bargaining card in the territory. Apart from being South-west Africa's only real harbour, it is strategically the most important port on the west coast of Africa south of Lobito in Angola.

South Africa maintains a considerable army garrison in the enclave and there is a large military airbase. This could be used by South African Airways jets if Windhoek, now its most advanced airport on flights around the bulge of Africa to Europe, should be closed.

The harbour itself, though, is the most tempting prize. It rates as South Africa's fifth busiest port, handling about two million tons of cargo a year. Increasing in importance is uranium from Rio Tinto Zinc's Rössing mine near Swakopmund, 25 miles up the coast, which is shipped to the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority.

Apart from this Walvis Bay's fishing, canning and fishmeal industry provided employment until recently for 13,000 blacks and several thousand Coloureds. The industry is based on pilchards but, tragically, overexploitation of the fishing grounds has set the industry back years and catches of 1,500,000 tons a year made a decade ago have now been cut back to 46,000 tons.

The trawler fleets of Russia, Cuba, Poland, Bulgaria, East Germany, Western Europe and Japan have also helped to crowd South African and South-west African boats out of the fishing grounds and to make the pilchard a fairly endangered species.

Although there is a temptation in South African and South-west African political circles to oversimplify and accuse Swapo of being a Marxist movement and a tool of Moscow, ther excellent reasons for South Africa to fear that by handing over Walvis Bay on a plate, Russia could be put into a position to control the exploitation and distribution of South-west Africa's vast resources.

Mineral and farming wealth encouraging signs for economic development

Namibia faces the prospect of independence with an encouraging potential for economic development. As well as its mineral wealth, notably uranium and diamonds, the *possibilities are there for a* vastly expanded agricultural sector and fishing industry.

But the political, financial, ethnic, social and geographical factors are so complex that any assessment of the economic outlook must be made with great caution.

A recently published book*, by Herr Wolfgang Thomas, formerly professor and director of the Institute for Social Development at the University of the Western Cape, lists 17 assets for the development of Namibia and a similar number of constraints. Herr Thomas, who was deported from South Africa last year, was one of the financial experts responsible to the Turnhalle conference.

Among the positive points he lists the territory's mineral wealth and the scope for an expansion of mining, and the potential for new water resources and for intensive crop farming in Kavango, Caprivi and part of Ovamboland.

At the same time, he draws attention to the present severe shortage of water, the potential depletion of mineral, fishing and agricultural resources, and in the shorter term, the possibility of severe instability before and after independence, and the withdrawal of white capital, skill and management.

Namibia has really two economies—subsistence agriculture in the north where more than half the people live, and a modern sector concentrated in the centre and south.

The tendency for the relevant statistics for the territory to be included in those for South Africa makes it difficult to be precise about its performance. But treated as a separate entity, it would have the second highest per capita gross domestic product after South Africa itself of any country below the Sahara. Herr Thomas gives a figure of $1,055 for 1975, compared with $1,388 for South Africa, $454 for Zambia and $148 for Tanzania in that year. Such global figures do not tell us anything about disparities between racial groups, regions and economic activities.

While the gap in per capita gdp between South-west Africa and the republic is fairly narrow, the difference in the size of their gdp *is high. The Thomas conclu*sion is that Namibia's 1974 gdp was only 2.8 per cent of South Africa's.

The overwhelming fact of life for the present Namibian economy is its interdependence with its south-eastern neighbour, which supplies the bulk of its food and consumer goods. Capital goods *from overseas are usually* supplied through the republic.

Herr Thomas calculates that about 40 per cent of all share capital in mining companies operating in the territory is wholly South African owned. South African interests largely control banking, commerce and such industry as exists.

Interdependence is reinforced through the public administration and road, rail, air and postal and telephone services. So should an independent Namibia cling to South Africa like an economic liferaft? It may at first glance seem surprising, but discussion is growing about whether such a closely dependent offspring might *not in the longer term* be better served by a loosening of such economic links. This debate is based on economics not ideology. Namibia is inside a customs union with South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland, as well as being a member of the rand monetary area.

Miss Sue Collett, who carries out economic research on the territory, estimates that cars would cost 50 per cent less if they could be imported direct from Germany and Japan. Half of clothing imports and between a quarter and a third of machinery could be bought overseas.

But she points out that while a member of the rand area "South-west Africa is assured of free access to South Africa's money and capital markets, an important factor since local facilities are even more limited than local needs".

This is one of the problems she picks out in the context of what she now sees as a general agreement that in due course Namibia would "have to weaken its links with South Africa, including those associated with the rand monetary area".

Moderate opinion is interested in an independent state developing trade ties with such neighbours as Zambia and Botswana and even, given the right political *conditions, with Angola.* But this view certainly does not embrace anything other than the belief that a sharp change of course would be neither practical nor desirable.

While the South-west Africa People's Organization (Swapo) are committed on paper to ensuring "that all the major means of production and exchange of the country" are in the "ownership of the people", it is by no means clear that a Swapo government would seek to expropriate the mining companies outright.

A Swapo spokesman in Windhoek said they believed multi-national companies *would have to reach new* agreements with a Namibian government. "We have not said we are going to nationalize these mines", he said. There would have to be discussions on the basis of not only profits but of meeting the needs of the mass of the people.

While the present ideological context is very different from that hoped for by Swapo, De Beers estimates that 60 per cent of Consolidated Diamond Mines' profits already go to the state and that this money provides 40 per cent of South-west Africa's public revenue.

It is noticeable that while there has been a flow of money out of the territory *during the past couple of* years, caution, not panic, is the atmosphere in Windhoek. The same approach applies in the mining industry. Consolidated Diamonds is preparing for independence in general. Residential areas and schools at Oranjemund are being desegregated and the gap between black and white wages is diminishing. The margin for semi-skilled and skilled rates varies from 14 to 30 per cent.

Faced with a withdrawal of the present civil service to the republic and with a dearth of skilled black manpower, an independent country would need to continue to rely heavily on those whites who remained and on trained expatriates as well as on foreign capital.

Swapo has estimated that it would need 35,000 expatriates to help to run the country if it came to power. This is on the assumption that there would be an exodus of that number of skilled whites with the advent of a black nationalist government.

South-west Africa has little manufacturing industry. There would be small scope for import substitution in such an economy, but there could be significant opportunities for setting up industries allied to mining and agriculture.

Mining is not labour intensive. One member of the Windhoek business community emphasized that Namibia would have to overcome its present reliance on mining for job creation and encourage secondary industries to grow around this sector. Difficulties over water and power would also have to be surmounted.

The territory suffers from uneven distribution of surface water, and drought years can upset all calculations. There are only perennial rivers on the northern frontiers, the Kunene and the Okavango, and the Orange River on the southern boundary.

The planners say present resources could well be exhausted by the end of the century in a territory which is now consuming 300 million cu metres a year.

A massive investment in the northern boundary rivers, for which a figure of R1,000m (£625m at present prices) over seven or eight years has been suggested, is one alternative. A second option is the greatest possible reuse of water, and a third is desalination. A pilot scheme at Swakopmund on the Atlantic has shown the practicability of full-scale desalination. The capital cost of desalination schemes is estimated at about twice that for water from boreholes and dams.

But the greatest immediate source of water is cut off by politics. The Ruacana hydro-electric scheme involved co-operation between South Africa and the Portuguese, then governing Angola. The water is stored in Angolan territory and Luanda's hostility towards Pretoria ensures that it stays there.

A Swapo-ruled Namibia should have few difficulties on that score. It would remain to be seen whether a more moderate or conservative government in Windhoek would also be able to resolve the dispute simply because it would not be representing South Africa.

As well as bad distribution of water, Namibia suffers from acute discrepancies in ways of life and patterns of land ownership which affect agricultural productivity. Now an exporter of beef and karakul sheepskins, Namibia could realistically become self-sufficient in, and a net exporter of, foodstuffs. Probably 90 per cent of food is imported at present. It is estimated that agricultural exports, mainly beef and karakul, are together worth about R150m a year.

Studies suggest that, given the right policies, fishing could bring in at least R250m annually. But the fishing industry, centred on Walvis Bay, is now in the doldrums. An independent country would need an extension of the present 12-mile limit to 200 miles.

Inshore stocks of pilchards have been severely depleted in recent years with a consequent plummeting of earnings for an industry which includes canning and fish meal production, while Walvis Bay is legally South African territory, for economic purposes its fishing industry must be considered part of South-west Africa.

The need to move from the local inshore industry and to create a 200-mile economic zone in the area now being exploited by the Russians and the Spaniards should become a main priority of a new Namibia.

*Economic Development in Namibia (*Kaiser-Grüne-wald, Munich and Mainz*).

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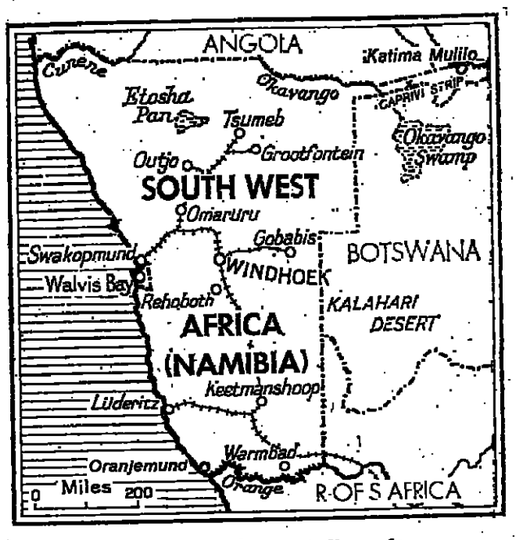
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First settlers proud to be called Bastards





by Ray Kennedy

Comparisons are often meaningless but to give some impression of the vastness of South-west Africa, journalists often resort to such formulas as "four times as big as the United Kingdom", or "as big as France, Switzerland and Holland combined".

Why those particular three is not particularly clear. A more innovative comparison favoured by Americans who have just discovered the place is the "Venezuela-sized territory", which is all very well for people intimately acquainted with South America.

Perhaps most fitting would be Metternich's description of Italy as not so much a coherent nation as "a geographical expression".

It all adds up to the fact that South-west Africa is a big place and also that few people — less than one million—live in it. Fewer than 100,000 are whites and the remainder comprise 10 basic ethnic groups dominated by the Ovambo tribe in the north who total 47 per cent of the whole population.

But its importance to the rest of the world is that it is one of the richest corners of Africa with huge, and largely untapped resources of diamonds, and precious stones, uranium, copper and other minerals.

South-west Africa was just about the last area on the African continent in which the European powers showed any interest in exploiting. Successive British administrations in the Cape were content with a tiny foothold Walvis Bay, but exhibited little enthusiasm about crossing the Namib desert—reckoned to be the oldest desert in the world—to explore the hinterland.

In the 1840s and 1850s a few Boer renegades and adventurers trekked into the territory from the Cape Colony. Many of those so-called "thirst trekkers" journeyed on into Southern Angola where some of their descendants, the poorest of the poor whites, live to this day.

The first settlers to arrive in strength were a group of Cape Coloureds who still proudly call themselves Basters—the Bastards. They established their own government in the Rehoboth Gebiet, 50 miles south of Windhoek.

Next came the Germans in 1884. They remained there until 1915 when the Union of South Africa went to war with Germany and captured the territory. In 1920 South Africa was awarded a League of Nations mandate over the territory which is now being rapidly unscrambled as South-west Africa stumbles along a rocky political and diplomatic road towards independence as Namibia.

History itself will record and examine the fruits or otherwise of South Africa's mandate. But it was the Germans who in their short 30 years tenure did most to explore the vast country and to map out its potential. There is neither a road nor a reservoir in existence or planned that was not on the German drawing boards 70 years ago.

About 20,000 of South-west Africa's whites are German speakers who dominate the business community. Take away the palm trees and the seaside town of Swakopmund, on the edge of the Namib desert, could be a coastal resort on the Baltic with its old steeply gabled houses, Konditorei and retired residents meeting in cosy *Gemütlichkeit* for early morning schnapps. There are thought to be more than 30 millionaires living in retirement in Swakopmund.

Windhoek, the capital, has a main street called the Kaiser Strasse intersected by others such as the Göring Strasse and on a hill overlooking the centre is the territory's administrative headquarters which is known throughout the country, with sardonic German humour, as the *Tinten Palast* (Ink Palace).

There is some resentment between descendants of the old German settlers and post Second World War arrivals who are often referred to by the former as *Schnee Bantu*.

But perhaps the quaintest and oddest sight in Windhoek are the women of the Herero tribe, dressed in colourful shawls and layer upon layer of full-length skirt copied from wives of the first German missionaries.

Most urban Herero girls wear fashionable outfits which would not look out of place in the West.

They are a reminder that the Herero tribe was once the most dominant in the territory. In 1904 they rebelled against German rule but the revolt was crushed and to ensure that matters stayed that way orders were sent from Berlin for what amounted almost to genocide of the Herero nation. Today the tribe numbers about 60,000, less than half its number at the time of the rebellion.

The Hereros recall their revolt with a mixture of pride and bitterness and it was one of the facts most sharply dominating the present political scene. The 430,000-strong Ovambo tribe, which is reckoned to be largely in support of the black nationalist Swapo (South-west African People's Organization), never fought the Germans, Hereros point out, and thus have no right to dominate the country when it becomes independent.

Fear of Ovambo domination is shared by other tribal groups, such as the 75,000 Damaras, the second bigest tribal group, and the 37,000 Namas, who are closely related to the estimated 26,000 Bushmen.

Ethnically, South-west Africa is a thorough mish-mash of divergent traditions and cultures. How these factions can be fused peacefully into a coherent nation is the challenge facing the United Nations organization and how that can be done depends also largely on economic development.

In 1908, shortly after the Herero wars, a German prospector found a diamond 15 miles from the small harbour of Luderitz. Mining camps sprung up all over the Namib desert and the entire coastline from Walvis Bay to the Orange River became known as the Diamond Coast.

Today most of them are ghost towns, half buried under the sands of the Namib. But in some can be seen still the grille in the saloons where miners, without ready cash, paid for drinks by pushing through uncut diamonds.

The Diamond Coast is forbidden territory now except to employees of De Beers Consolidated Diamond Mines (CDM). At Oranjemund, on the South-west African side of the Orange River, which forms the southern border with South Africa, huge bulldozers and scrapers clear millions of tons of sand down to the bedrock in the search for gems.

It claims it is the only organization in the world that owns more earth moving equipment than the United States Army. On average about 50 tons of sand has to be removed to recover one carat of diamond but it still makes a vast profit.

Mr Harry Oppenheimer, chairman of Anglo-American Corporation, of which De Beers is a subsidiary, revealed recently that CDM's profits contributed 67 per cent of South-west Africa's taxable income.

Since 1972, when economic statistics were merged with those of South Africa, it has been impossible to work out South-west Africa's separate worth. The gdp in 1973 was R615.6m (£370.8m at today's rates), four times as high as in 1960.

The economy, as well as the whole state of the nation is in its infancy, or as one cynical white put it as he watched newsmen chasing around after the United Nations fact-finding mission: "This country is being decolonized before it was ever really colonized."

International prospects are copper-bottomed

by a Special Correspondent

The territory of South-west Africa/Namibia is rich in minerals. It has a number of important established mines and good prospects of developing others once its constitutional and political future has been settled.

In its contribution to the national economy, the mining sector rivals that of other African countries such as Zambia. But Namibia has the advantage that it has several minerals, principally diamonds, uranium and base metals.

Given the territory's uncertain present status, it is not surprising that no new mines have been developed in the past few years. The most recent has been Otjihase, a copper project just outside Windhoek, which began production under the management of the South African mining house, Johannesburg Consolidated, in 1975. But the level of exploration has been intense, with the South African houses active and joined by international groups on a large scale.

In part this has been aided by the straightforward system of mineral grants, which is far superior, for example, to South Africa's. Companies or individuals may buy prospecting licences anywhere not already taken and provide compensation to surface rights owners in the event of an orebody being found.

Anglo-American and De Beers are among the most active of the groups in South-west Africa, De Beers using funds from its Consolidated Diamond Mines. In the last De Beers report, Mr Harry Oppenheimer, the chairman, said that prospecting had "recently been stepped up" in the Sperrgebiet (literally, "forbidden area") north of CDM in the hope of lengthening its productive life, generally estimated at 15 to 20 years. In addition, CDM has appropriated R25m for diversifying outside the diamond industry "if this proves economically possible".

Anglo itself recorded in its annual report last month that it had discovered a copper/lead/zinc anomaly in southern South-west Africa (near the Rosh Pinah zinc mine, controlled by Iscor, the South African state-owned steel group) but with its Gamsberg zinc mine in South Africa stalled, this discovery would need to be exceptionally high grade to be developed in current markets. The corporation's main effort in Namibia has been directed towards uranium, particularly in the "uranium province" in the Namib desert, just south of RTZ's Rössing mine.

Of the other South African houses, Gold Fields of South Africa, in which Consolidated Gold Fields holds 44 per cent, is active and has copper prospects in the territory as well as uranium just north of Rössing. There, the 1976 annual report recorded "a substantial tonnage of uranium mineralization ... which could prove economic in the light of the projected demand for and price of uranium" Rand Mines mining arm of Barlow Rand, holds ground north of Swakopund with tin potential.

The Afrikaner house, General Mining, and its associate Union Corporation, hold uranium interests in the Namib province. Union Corporation participates in Anglo's programme in the area, but General Mining has an orebody at Langer Heinrich which will almost certainly be viable in its own right. Development has been stalled for some months, apparently for political reasons, but partly for technical tests to continue.

Among foreign groups, Falconbridge is actively looking for base metals and uranium, and has been established in the territory for some years with its small Oamites copper mine. Anglo's other partners in its uranium search are Aquitaine, part of the Compagnie Française des Pétroles, and Péchiney, Cominco, Asarco and Bethlehem Steel have been established in the territory for some years through their prospecting companies, respectively Eland, Mission and Ebco.

CDM is the most important mine in the territory. It raised output, primarily of gem diamonds, from 1,700,000 to two million carats in 1977, though the size of stone fell from 0.95 to 0.72 carats. With gem price rises of 32 per cent in 1977, its revenue probably exceeded R200m and should be comfortably above R250m in the current year, in which it will enjoy 12 months on the 1977 higher prices.

CDM contributes a large part of government revenues, while a developing mine such as Rössing pays negligible tax, a reflection of the tax system in Namibia, which is comparable to South Africa's. The principle is that all capital expenditure incurred in reaching the point of production may be written off against profits before liability to tax arises. This means that while a mine starts contributing to foreign currency earnings as soon as it reaches the pre-production stage, its contribution to the revenue side of the exchequer may be delayed for some years.

In the case of Rössing, where capital expenditure amounted to R250m at end-1977, although 3,042 short tons of uranium were produced, making it one of the largest uranium mines in the world, it had not reached the point at which commercial operations had begun for accounting purposes. Depending on the mix of uranium contracts, the trend of working costs and on the date when output of 5,000 tons per annum of uranium is reached, Rössing may not pay tax under the present system for another five or so years.

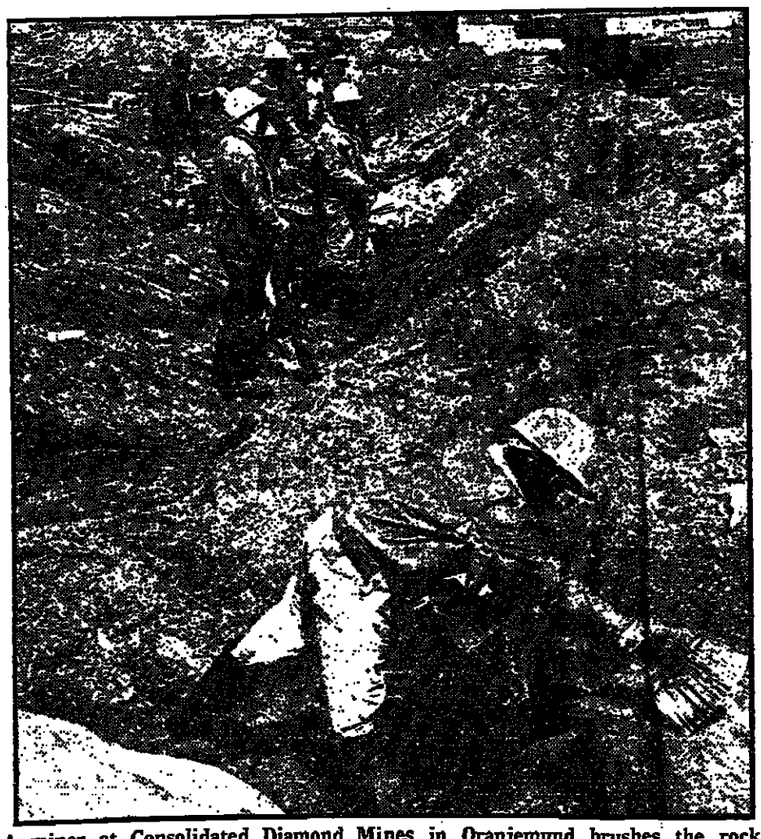
Despite the current dominance of diamonds, there is little doubt that the territory's long-term future will depend more and more on uranium. Partly because of South-west Africa's present status, partly because of South Africa's draconian Atomic Energy Act, there is little published detail on the uranium prospects. But it is clear that as well as the primary uranium deposit, of which Rössing is an example, there are large deposits of secondary uranium in the Namib, east of Swakopmund and Walvis Bay and south of Rössing.

Langer Heinrich is the chief example so far, but the adjacent area where Anglo and its associates are working is similar. Generally accepted estimates for Langer Heinrich are that it could produce 2,500 to 3,000 tons of uranium a year when it is in full production, with an investment of R150m to R200m required.

GFSA's Trekkopje exploration company controls a primary, hard rock deposit similar to Rössing and final evaluation of the prospect is near. But indications are that it is too low grade to be developed at present. The Anglo/Union Corporation/CFP/Péchiney area is erratic in its uranium grades, but the hope is that additional work will prove economically viable reserves.

The advantage of secondary deposits like this area and Langer Heinrich is that they occur at the surface, avoiding the need for expensive underground mining facilities. However, with the uranium extraction plant being the main capital expenditure item, this is not much of an advantage.

On the strength of prospecting to date, optimists believe these areas could support two new mines in addition to Rössing and Langer Heinrich.



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Going on strike is not the British disease, but only a symptom

Strikes: are we really as bad as we think?



A decision to strike : the workers wait.

The two industrial disputes at Birmingham and Bathgate which have cast another serious doubt over British Leyland's future will only confirm the belief of a legion of observers at home and abroad that "the British are always on strike". BL's latest industrial relations disaster is a classic case. The British are on strike *again*. It is their motor industry *again*. It is British Leyland *again*. It is the toolmakers (in one case) *again*. It is unofficial *again*. It is about pay parity *again*.

The word "strike", its derivatives and its synonyms once more dominate the headlines. There could hardly be a better time to consider whether Britain deserves its reputation.

The seeker after truth who sets out to find an explanation for the British strike syndrome, if such it is, faces an extraordinarily nebulous assignment. Generalizations abound but patterns are all but impossible to discern. It soon becomes clear that there are lies, damned lies, statistics and strike figures. Theories are more plentiful than facts, and the most consistent and easily identified sound to be heard is the muffled beat of logic being chopped. There is a case (albeit not a strong one) for saying that a layman interested in looking for reason in British industrial relations would be well advised to find *something more constructive to* occupy his time.

For the record, my researches took me from the industrial relations summit at Warwick University (which has a reputation second to none) to the TUC, from the CBI to ACAS (the Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service) and the Institute of Personnel Management.

Further comfort in this lonely task was provided by years of intermittent reporting of many kinds of industrial dispute and considerable first-hand knowledge of labour relations in West Germany, constantly (and, I fear, wrongly) held up as an example to us all.

The first conclusion the undaunted observer is obliged to reach is that the British are obsessed by strikes, rather as the West Germans are obsessed by inflation. One of the great British folk-memories of this century is the General Strike of 1926, perhaps because it happened only nine years after the Russian Revolution. The workers involved in it amounted to only about one-seventh of the number of French strikers who brought *their country to a standstill for* weeks in the summer of 1968—but the French are not obsessed by strikes.

Rightly or wrongly, but certainly faithfully reflecting the level of public interest, British newspapers, radio and television devote enormous amounts of space and time to strikes.

Since the principal media are national rather than regional, a strike in Caithness is common gossip in Cornwall, and it is all too easy for foreign correspondents to report British strikes abroad. It is for this reason, presumably, that Mr Kenneth Graham,

Strikes in 1976

Country	Population m	Labour force m	No. of disputes	Workers involved m	Days lost m
Canada	21.6	8.8	1,039	1.57	10.8
USA	214.6	96.9	5,649	2.41	38.0
Japan	112.8	53.8	2,720	1.36	3.3
France	52.8	22.1	4,348	3.81	5.0
W. Germany	61.5	26.7	(n/a)	0.17	0.53
Italy	55.3	19.6	2,706	11.90	25.4
Australia	12.8	5.3	2,055	2.19	3.8
UK	55.5	25.7	2,016	0.67	3.3

Source: ILO

assistant general secretary of the TUC, usually finds, as he told me, that visiting North American trade unionists are better informed about the latest British strike than they are about a quite savage and protracted dispute in Canada or the United States. An American labour relations *expert told me: "A Californian* just doesn't want to know about a Pittsburgh steel strike."

Mr James Mortimer, chairman of ACAS, pointed out that it is the period between the wars, from which the generally inaccurate public conception of the nature of strikes still largely derives, that was the departure from the norm, not the present. Then, wage cuts produced a series of confrontations between capital and labour on a national scale unknown before or since. Nowadays a nationwide strike is an extreme rarity. Where it occurs, it is almost always in a nationalized industry where *the Government or a state* agency is the sole employer.

The accompanying table, which I compiled from the latest statistics published by the International Labour Organization (ILO), a United Nations agency, reveals almost as much as it conceals. Strike figures must be treated with caution. Many stoppages are not counted because they involve only very few workers or do not last a full working day, or simply because they are not reported. Thus the traditional West German wage-bargaining tactic, the warning strike of a few hours or less, perhaps involving hundreds of thousands of workers, does not appear in the figures at all.

Nor is any one year typical, and comparisons between countries are always traps for the unwary. For Britain, 1976 was a comparatively trouble-free year. Last year was worse, and this year is already much worse still. The Italian figures reflect the local custom whereby millions of workers award the nation an extra public holiday by striking for 24 hours, something the French do too, though on a smaller scale. A close study of such figures over a period of years does however permit one clear conclusion: that the British, when it comes to strikes, have nothing to boast about but also are nothing like as bad as they (and many foreigners) like to think.

Insofar as our reputation for striking is undeserved—because it is at variance with the facts—it can only be our own fault. Even in a bad year for strikes, we lose rather more working days through industrial accidents, 10 to 20 times more through sickness and 20 to 40 times more through that great unsung curse on industry, absenteeism. there is no ground for complacency *in these comparisons*, however, because they overlook the uniquely disruptive effect of strikes, which the present extreme examples at British Leyland show.

While it is difficult (if not impossible) and dangerous to generalize about strikes, they are invariably based on a grievance which is real to the strikers and invariably occur after a breakdown in communication between management and workers. They are almost always local, small and of short duration and, despite all *the publicity, they usually come as a shock to both sides.* Pay is the usual visible issue, but there is overwhelming evidence that the British worker attaches more importance to the way he is treated than to his pay. Boredom, lack of consultation, unfair dismissal, fear of redundancy and even of change, bad working conditions, outmoded union organization, managerial remoteness in large companies and government policy are all far more important than is usually admitted.

They are also far more important as causes of strikes than agitation and bloody mindedness which, though they exist, are nothing like as common as many people would *like to think. Fast and flexible* response at the workplace based on good communications is widely held to be the only answer to disputes. Striking is not the British disease, but only a symptom. Low productivity and low investment constitute the real bane of British industry.

Dan van der Vat

Did the Russians prevent a Prague summer?

Professor Eduard Gold-Stücker was elected Chairman of the Czechoslovak Writers' Union in January, 1968, and became one of the leading figures in the "Prague Spring" of that year. Born in 1913, he joined the Communist Party in 1933, studied at Oxford 1940-42, and was then employed by the exiled Czechoslovak Government. After the war he joined the Czechoslovak diplomatic service. He served in London and then as Ambassador to Israel 1949-51. Recalled to Prague he faced a rigged show trial at which he was sentenced to life imprisonment for high treason and espionage. Released and fully rehabilitated in 1955, he became Professor of German Literature at Charles University, Prague. After the Soviet invasion in 1968 he left and is now Professor of Comparative Literature at the University of Sussex. In the following article he gives his view of the Prague Spring.

Your excellent leading article of August 19 commemorating the tenth anniversary of the Soviet-led occupation of Czechoslovakia asks again whether the reforms initiated by the "Prague Spring", had they not been crushed, would have led to the creation of truly democratic socialist structures or foundered in the end on the rock of a single party power control. To this question, much discussed as it has been ever since 1968, there is no clear-cut answer. The democratizing process was brutally stopped almost in its first stride, thus the argument either way will for ever remain inconclusive. Yet that work in progress gave rise to manifold expectations (and suspicions). As it remained a torso it prompts the viewer to complete in imagination—guided by his wishes—the missing parts of what had been intended and what might have been accomplished.

I was, and still am, convinced that Czechoslovakia of 1968 had all the prerequisites to carry through successfully the democratization of her political and social system. All the *internal* prerequisites that is; the external ones were taken for granted on the basis of our firm conviction that what the Prague Spring was trying to bring about was in the best interest of socialism and that our allies in Moscow and elsewhere, even if momentarily they were raising their eyebrows in astonishment and disapproval, will in the end recognize this decisive fact and establish a *modus vivendi* with Dubcek's Czechoslovakia.

The rolling tanks of the invading armies taught us the rude lesson that the Soviet leadership was primarily interested in great power positions, not in socialism.

While the Czechoslovak communist reformers were in good faith trying to implement at *last the programme of their* revolution into the social structure of their society, they failed to realize that social developments in the Soviet Union and in their country were moving in opposite directions. The Novotny leadership, trying to avoid responsibility for its criminal involvement in the political show trials of the 1950s, succeeded in delaying deStalinization in Czechoslovakia for a number of years.

The Central Committee of the Czechoslovak Communist Party was given the first true report on the political trials only in April, 1963. But by that time, and then especially after Khrushchev's fall the process of deStalinization in the Soviet Union had been halted and in many respects reverted. Khrushchev's successors, judging by subsequent events, apparently decided never again to admit in public that any of their actions could have been erroneous, and to put an end to public criticism of the Stalin era.

In spite of all this the Soviet Union could have tolerated the Czechoslovak development towards a democratic socialist system because it did not imperil her internal or external security. In 1956, and still in 1961, the then Moscow leadership felt the necessity of injecting new energies into society; had Czechoslovakia been prepared to engage in her democratizing attempt at that time, she would very probably not have been stopped. But by 1968 rigid immobility, aversion to any farreaching changes were the outstanding characteristics of the Kremlin Politbureau.

The Czechoslovak democratization, I repeat, did not impair any vital interest of the Soviet Union. Everybody was aware of the country's geopolitical situation and the great majority of the people, after the traumatic experience of the Hitler years, saw in the alliance with the Soviet Union a guarantee of national independence. Any talk about alleged intentions of taking Czechoslovakia out of the Warsaw Pact is either defamatory propaganda or wishful thinking. On the countrary, had the Soviet leadership accepted the democratic changes) in Czechoslovakia, that country would have remained a most faithful and most valuable ally, which now certianly it is not.

The Prague Spring wanted to reunite what should never have been separated: socialism and democracy. It wanted to reform the socio-political system of the country on the basis of the principle that the individual citizen is not an object of the rulers' manipulations but as subject of policy and as *such* a partner of the rulers. All the democratic institutions and procedures kept in the Stalinist system as empty shells to cover up the harsh reality would have been given back their true democratic content. It was above all necessary to democratize the Communist Party itself.

The *Action Programme* of April 1968 outlined the necessity of a substantially changed position of the Communist Party vis-a-vis the society and the state, and the draft party statutes prepared for the party congress which should have assembled on September 9 contained some far reaching changes in the structures and procedures of the party. From the very beginning of the democratization movement it was important to establish effective checks and controls of power so as to prevent the recurrence of its totalitarian misuse. The free press and considerably freed trade unions were the first two such controls.

Democratization meant ultimately the creation of a pluralist society. This was a basic departure from the Stalinist attitude stubbornly maintaining the dogma of the so-called moral-political unity of the people and refusing to admit the existence of divergent group interests in society.

The Prague Spring tended towards a pluralism in which all group interests would have had the possibility of being voiced and defended. This nascent pluralism would not necessarily have meant a return to the model of a Western multiparty democracy, in view of the fact that Czechoslovak society, by 1968, was substantially different from that of Western countries. A new type of pluralism would, no doubt, have emerged. At that first stage it was important not to set any limits to the development in advance but to allow it as much as possible to find its natural frontiers.

But in the immediate first stage the direct struggle for power was eliminated by agreement of all those concerned. The Communist Party was acknowledged as the leading force in the state because any immediate alternative would lead to chaos. There was no doubt whatsoever about the socialist character of Cechoslovakia's political and social system. As a matter of fact it happened for the first time in history that the overwhelming majority of the population of a country freely accepted socialism.

By destroying the Czechoslovak reform movement the Soviet Union forced Czechoslovakia back into a neo-Stalinist strait-jacket which long before 1968 had beyond any doubt proved fatal to the development of Czechoslovak society. The conflict between democracy and what is today called "really existing socialism" is not new, on the contrary, it goes back to the very beginnings of Bolshevism and accompanies its whole history. To quote only one example, very topical today, Rosa Luxemburg in her unfinished essay of 1918 on the Russian Revolution talks about "devilish conditions" of backward Russia with which the October Revolution was confronted and warns: "The danger", she says, "begins when they [the Bolsheviks] try to make a virtue of necessity, to justify theoretically in every respect the tactics forced upon them *by these unfortunate conditions* and to recommend it to the international proletariat for imitation as a model of socialist tactics".

The present Soviet leadership does not only recommend but it forces the doctrine derived from the experience of backward Russia on all the nations within its power orbit. They are imposing upon them an order which with the one hand brings the rudiments of a socialist economic system not developed beyond its initial phase for lack of democratic *preconditions, but simul*taneously with the other hand it takes away the democratic, political rights won in long and costly struggles in the process of their national emancipation.

These people are thus forcibly pulled back one historical epoch and compelled to engage in new struggles for rights once won and now lost again. This is a permanent crisis which demands a solution, generates pressure, abides its time and will either be defused by an opening towards democratization on the lines indicated by the Prague Spring or it might lead to an explosion of catastrophic dimensions.

Eduard Goldstücker

Geoffrey Smith

The role of TV in the election

How far the outcome of a general election is affected by television is much disputed, but the politicians believe that it is and so there is always a good deal of manoeuvring over the arrangements.

In February 1974 there was simply too much election broadcasting for the taste of viewers, so in October the quantity was cut back significantly. This time there will be just about the same amount, and the form it will take will not vary all that much.

Because of the Labour Party's refusal to have its candidates appearing on the same platform or in the same studio with the National Front, the BBC will be unable to run its regional question times as before: now it will be left to each region to determine how to give a showing to all the candidates in its area.

Because both Labour and the Conservatives want the *early slot, it seems likely that* their daily press conference will be held at the same time instead of being staggered as in the past—which will be tiresome for broadcasters and journalists but not of much concern to anybody else. The one potential change which would have been of consequence now seems unlikely to come about.

After all the hullabaloo over the presidential television debates in the United States between Kennedy and Nixon in 1960 and between Ford and Carter in 1976 it is natural that British broadcasters should aspire to put on their version. The original idea this time was for a joint BBC/IBA approach to Mr Callaghan and Mrs Thatcher.

The idea was for one, two or even conceivably three discussions between the two of them with a chairman playing a distinctly passive role, starting the conversation going and occasionally introducing fresh topics but not in any sense acting as the grand inquisitor. All that the broadcasters wished to avoid was a verbal punch-up. These discussions would then go out on all three channels at the same time.

The IBA was approving in principle but felt able to take part in a *joint initiative only if* it could speak on behalf of all the programme companies. Granada, however, had—indeed still has—hopes of drawing the three party leaders on to its own programme.

One of the more notable television successes of October, 1974 was *Granada 500* in the course of which Mr Wilson, Mr Heath and Mr Thorpe answered questions from a sample of 500 voters from the two Preston constituencies. But the party leaders did not on that occasion appear on the platform together. Granada's hope is that this time they might be persuaded to do so, so the company was not in favour of joint action with the BBC.

The initiative was therefore taken by the BBC alone, with the explicit understanding that any programme would be made available for simultaneous transmission by any commercial company. The Director-General, Mr Ian Trethowan, wrote accordingly to Mr Callaghan and Mrs Thatcher. The approach was confined to them on the basis that it was a choice between the two of them as to who should be the next prime minister and that any discussion that did take place would be between the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition.

But Mrs Thatcher responded by playing what might be termed the "other-parties card". Would it be right for such a programme to be limited to the leaders of just the two biggest parties?

It would be hard to believe that Mrs Thatcher would be deterred for long by fear of stealing a march on Mr Steel so this reply must be regarded as an indirect rejection. Nonetheless, the door was held open to a further exploration of the idea with Lord Thorneycroft the chairman of the party.

This meeting was held with Mr Trethowan and Mr Peter Hardiman Scott, the chief assistant to the director general. The Conservatives have not vetoed the proposal but they have obviously no *enthusiasm* for it. On the Labour side there has been no indication of a favourable response and no evidence that the invitation has even been discussed in the higher reaches of the party.

There the matter is likely to rest unless there is a change of heart by one or other of the political parties. Perhaps the position might have been different if a more specific proposition had been put by the broadcasters, rather than presenting an outline of the proposed programmes in somewhat vague terms and leaving it to the politicians themselves to fill in the details.

But whatever the diplomatic finesse employed, it is improbable that anything would ever have come of the initiative unless at least one of the parties believed that it was in its own *electoral interest. What is more* surprising is that neither of them does so.

I believe that this is no bad thing in terms of the general health of British politics. American experience suggests that the personalized debates would overshadow the rest of the campaign and that public attention would focus on appearance not the substance

Manner would dominate matter, and the issues would be thrust still more into the background. But one can hardly suppose that it is for such high-*minded reasons that British* politicians are shying away.

Can it really be true that neither party would benefit; or, to put it more precisely, that the outcome would be so unpredictable that both parties would be foolish to risk it except as a last desperate throw?

There is the customary fear of the incumbent that a personalized debate casts away one of his principal advantages by placing the challenger in a position of equality. That would be enough to explain Mr Callaghan's reluctance. The Tories, for their part, fear that such debates would make the election still more of a presidential contest between the two leaders than it would otherwise be—and in that race Mrs Thatcher is widely regarded as coming a poor second.

But that seems to me too simple a judgment. The very fact that Mrs Thatcher is thought to be well behind Mr Callaghan in the personal stakes means that she would have more to gain and less to lose—and her chances of gaining may be higher than is generally supposed. Most debates of this sort tend to be inconclusive with no knock-out winner: that would be to her advantage if many voters discovered to their surprise that there was not much after all between the rival leaders.

Secondly, there is the evidence of that celebrated Commons debate in July when Mr Callaghan was thought to have triumphed by parliamentary observers but the listening public on radio much preferred Mrs Thatcher's performance. They disliked what they regarded as his abusive and bullying *manner.* They might respond in similar fashion—certainly quite a number of women would—if he fell into the trap of patronizing her as "the little woman" in a television debate. It could be decisive if even a relatively small total of women switched their votes for this reason.

But this is now unlikely to be put to the test because of political caution. We shall be spared an unfortunate innovation for quite the wrong reason.

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WASHINGTON DIARY

Icebergs, hurricanes and heatwaves

There are really only three topics of conversation which really interest Washingtonians —politics, real estate, and the weather—although not necessarily in that order.

The first is to be expected in a city which owes its very existence to affairs of state, while the inhabitants of one of the wealthiest conurbations in an already affluent society are understandably delighted that property prices have now reached levels beyond the wildest dreams of those who purchased their houses in the 1960s.

But I always thought the British were alone in their obsession for discussing the weather until I arrived in the American capital a year or so ago (although I have never really understood why the monotonous British climate should prove so fascinating).

Washingtonians, however, have every excuse for raising the subjects so frequently. An English visitor to the area in the late eighteenth century found that in the winter "they *have a fine clear and dry air,* which renders it very pleasant. Their frosts are short, but sometimes so very sharp that they freeze over rivers, which are three miles broad. Snow falls sometimes in great quantities, but rarely continues there above a day or two.

"In April they have frequent rains. In May and June the heat increases and is refreshed with gentle breezes. In July and August those breezes cease and the air becomes stagnant. The heat is violent and troublesome. In September the weather usually breaks suddenly and there fall very considerable *rains which occasion fluxes,* agues, fevers and dropsies and the long train of complaints which are incident to a moist climate."

It was because of the inclement summers that the British later classified the American capital as a hardship post and made sure that their diplomats were transferred to more conducive stations after a short tour of duty. The arrival of air conditioning changed all that, but most sensible people still try to get as far away from Washington as they can during July, August and September.

Within this general pattern, the weather is subject to dramatic shifts. In the past couple of years, for example, Washingtonians maintain that we have had the coldest winter, the driest summer, the snowiest winter and now one of the wettest summers they can remember, although I suspect their memories are probably shorter than they think.

Whatever the truth of the matter, the unpredictability and occasional violence of the weather can still prove troublesome in the latter half of the twentieth century. In the year we have lived here, the top 15 feet of what used to be a splendid elm in our front garden was lopped off by hurricane force winds last summer, water invaded the basement after three inches of rain on top of several inches of snow in a day during the winter, and *we have entertained by candle*light twice.

But probably the most dramatic incident directly involving the weather was the great iceberg scare last winter. Residents tuning into their radios or television sets one Saturday morning were given blow by *blow accounts of the advance* towards Washington along the fast-flowing Potomac river of an iceflow several miles long and several feet thick.

A crisis session of the local authorities was told there was a real danger of serious flooding along the river and *damage to the many bridges* which cross the river in the area of the city. Acting on the advice of experts, national parkland along the river was closed to visitors, and cranes were rushed to the bridges to defend them

The Cranes, equipped with devices of the type used to demolish buildings, were to be used to break up the ice to protect the piles on which the bridges are built and to prevent the creation of an ice-dam.

So dramatic were the descriptions of all these activities that Washingtonians in their thousands flocked to the banks of the river, snarling up traffic for hours, to watch the impending disaster. Predictably, however, it never materialized. When the floe reached Great Falls, a spectacular 35-foot drop in the Potomac some 15 miles up-*river from the city, it* conveniently split into small pieces which then floated sedately on towards the sea.

Washington's general fascination with the weather has made enormous fortunes for the few who are lucky enough to have made it their business. In the vanguard of this movement are the television weather forecasters, who have transformed what in Britain is a serious matter into typical American showbiz.

The most popular in the Washington area is Mr Willard Scott, a chummy extrovert who *wears a toupee and intersperses* his forecasts with wisecracks and free advertising for local worthy causes like Scout and charity fairs. Employed by NBC, on one of the three major networks, he is reputed to earn $300,000 (about £160,000) a year for his services.

Mr Scott's drawing powers are such that the other television channels in the area still appear to be experimenting with alternatives to find the right formula. One of them has recently employed a beautiful Vietnamese American to try to build up their viewing audience.

At this time of the year, the key ingredient in all the weather forecasts is the so-called AQI rating, which is regarded alongside the humidity level as the most important piece of information for those intending to travel outside their air-conditioned and dehumidified homes and places of work. AQI stands for air quality index, and is the product of some 40 special weather posts throughout the Washington area which sample the atmosphere to discover how polluted it is.

The information, which is a relatively recent innovation, is designed principally to be of service to those who suffer from various lung ailments. When the AQI is "poor" or "bad" such unfortunates are supposed not to venture into the streets, but I have never met anyone who heeds such advice.

A bad AQI rating is bearable for a day or two for those in good health, but if it continues for several days most white Washingtonians try to stay close to their air-conditioning sets.

There are, however, two distinct schools of thought about how best to cope with the stagnant weather which descends every summer. Most people believe that it is impossible to survive without air-conditioning, while a growing minority, confronted with ever-increasing electricity bills as fuel costs rise, are not so sure.

When we arrived last summer *from the cool of Europe,* we accepted the advice of the majority and rarely ventured out of doors for long periods until the cooler days of autumn arrived. But the constant changes of temperature from the icy atmosphere which fills supermarkets, through the chill air in most offices, cars and homes, to the oppressive heat outside seemed to produce more sickness among members of the family than was normal.

This year we have gradually joined the latter camp, at home at least, and only use the air conditioning sparingly when the heat becomes overbearingly unpleasant.

The net result has been fewer aches and pains and a less hectic pace of life, which we are convince ourselves is good for our hearts.

A recent letter-writer to *the Washington Post* described the thrill of moving from an air-conditioned flat to a house not equipped with any air-conditioning. She had discovered a different way of life in her new environment. People could actually be heard chatting on their porches and seen promenading in front of their houses, she said. So excited was she that she wanted to share her new experience with other readers.

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NO GUARANTEE CAN BE GIVEN

Mr Varley must shortly communicate to Peugeot-Citroën the Government's decision on its proposed takeover of Chrysler (UK) as part of the sale by Chrysler of its European operations to the French. When, yesterday, Mr Parayre, the French company's President, said that he had no reason to think that the British Government would withhold its authorization, he was expressing what appears to be a well founded judgment. Since the parent Chrysler Corporation has made it clear that it has neither the will nor the resources to continue to support the British end of its operations indefinitely, there is no viable alternative option left open to the Government.

In theory, as was the case when the Chrysler crisis first erupted two and a half years ago, the British operations of the American company could be merged with British Leyland. In practice, British Leyland has more than enough problems of its own for it to make any sense *to add thus substantially to* them. Nor would it make sense for Chrysler (UK) to be taken into some other separate form of public ownership in the name of preserving employment. To have two weak state-owned car manufacturers competing with each other in such a difficult national and international market would be the worst of all possible worlds. Chrysler (UK), divorced from its European and American supports, would have no chance of survival in any form in a market increasingly dominated by international giants.

The long saga of Chrysler (UK)'s relations with the British Government is an important case study from which lessons will long be drawn. The Government has some justification in its belief that Chrysler has been less than open in its relationship, in view of the close partnership and substantial public financial support involved in the original rescue. Those who took the view that the much vaunted rescue deal, sponsored by Mr Harold Lever, was simply postponing a resolution of the central problem for a year or two have been fully vindicated.

The problem is that the British motor-car industry has too much capacity and very poor productivity. These were the problems *that were identified in the 1975* "think tank" report on the industry. Little has changed *since. Within the industry Ford* and General Motors (Vauxhall) have had relatively good records. British Leyland *and Chrysler* have had their backs to the wall.

Given the history of this affair, it is quite reasonable for the Government to explore the intentions of the French company. It has a right to protect such public monies as were advanced or guaranteed to Chrysler in the first place. In general it needs to see that the national interest is being protected. Since the French seem to be causing difficulty in a proposed takeover by Lucas of a French car electrical component manufacturer, it might be worth joining the issues

It is not possible, however, to require the French company to preserve jobs in the United Kingdom, come what may. There is only one way in which jobs can be preserved. As Mr Edwardes said yesterday, of his *own company*, British Leyland, the only guarantor of jobs is performance. Peugeot, when it gets Chrysler's United Kingdom plants, will be bound to prefer production elsewhere in Europe, if the relative productivity and profit in Britain continues to be as low as it is at present. Linwood is the major single problem *in this country. Unless* present trends are reversed, Linwood would wither away. No undertaking to the Government and unions, no matter how solemn and binding, has any long-term *validity in so competitive* an international industry unless the performance improves.

THE UN's £150 MILLION PRESENCE

It may seem a curious development for South Africa to be insisting on Namibian independence by December 31 and the United Nations to be calling for delays. That boot is usually on the other foot. The differences however, turn upon the circumstances in which the elections for the constituent assembly take place. As with almost all elections, the parties have their own ideas about the most suspicious timing for their chances. But it is disappointing that last-minute hitches should now threaten the agreement between South Africa and the United Nations on the western plan, to which Swapo has also assented though meanwhile continuing the guerrilla war until the cease-fire is formally called under the provisions of the agreement.

Two major differences on implementing the agreement have now arisen. The South Africans object to restarting the registration of voters under United Nations auspices. They say they have registered more than half those eligible. To submit to a new registration amounts to admitting that there is substance in accusations or suspicions that they are giving some of their supporters more than one vote or more than one voting personality. On the other hand *the United Nations, in the* person of Mr Martti Ahtisaari, the Finnish Commissioner, *cannot face the possibility that if* they approved the registration under South African auspices and Swapo made a poor showing, Swapo would repudiate the result, particularly as Swapo has been officially recognized by the United Nations as representative of the territory's peoples. Swapo's interest lies in demonstrations of South Africa yielding to successive United Nations demands, since it presents the United Nations as its ally and sponsor.

This underlying crisis of trust can be seen also in South Africa's alarm at the United Nations *preparations for a larger presence* in Namibia over a longer period than the public was led to expect. Originally Pretoria accepted 5,000 United Nations troops as the peacekeeping force, with its own troops in barracks but its police in control of law and order. Now Mr Ahtisaari is asking for 7,500 troops in blue berets, 360 police and 1,200 administrators and camp followers on a budget of £150 million for a year's operations. Possibly he is expecting to be cut down. But such a presence might give *Africans the impression that the* United Nations had taken the territory over—and the United *Nations would be seen as a* surrogate for Swapo, whose campaign might be expected to benefit correspondingly.

The United Nations argument (which is the argument of its *black membership) is that* nothing else can produce a result acceptable to world opinion—that is to the United Nations which will recognize the new state. To Mr Vorster this assertion of United Nations authority, nominally neutral but in African minds *in loco parentis* to Swapo, *must seem a high price to pay* for the world recognition of Namibia South Africa now *desires and for an end to an* expensive border war. He may, in short, feel gazumped, though he will no doubt await the Security Council's decision on the size and composition of "Untag". Even so, to return to a position in which Namibia would be another Transkei, but under continued guerrilla attack, would seem to South Africans the worse of the two evils that they have brought on themselves by their past policy.

THESE FIGURES MUST BE PUBLISHED

For the third time this year there is the prospect of a political battle over the demand of a select committee of the House of Commons for access to official papers. Early in the year there was the furore over the initial failure of the British Steel Corporation to make its calculations of its annual deficit available to a subcommittee of the Select Committee on Nationalized Industries. Last week the Public Accounts Committee asked that the Comptroller and Auditor General—on whose investigations the PAC bases its work—should have "untrammelled access" to the books of the British National Oil Corporation and the National Enterprise Board. Now the Expenditure Committee has criticized the Treasury for failing to disclose its employment projections.

Each of these cases is an example of the growing determination of the House of Commons, through its select committees, to assert its right to call the executive and its agencies more effectively to account. It is a general trend that is much to be encouraged, but there is a particular significance in this latest instance. The making of economic policy is critical to the operations of government these days and the estimated rate of unemployment has a double importance in any Chancellor's calculations. It tells him what spare capacity there may be in the economy at the projected *level of demand and what risk* there may be of bottlenecks developing. It also is an indication of what political pressures may be expected on the basis of alternative economic policies.

This does not mean that the Treasury's employment projections determine economic policy. They are only one factor in a complicated equation and they can be no more than an estimate which may prove not to be accurate. That has indeed been increasingly the case. These *figures therefore appear to* be playing a smaller part in economic decision-making than in the past and it would be unfortunate if their publication led to too much reliance being placed upon them by politicians, journalists or the general public. But to say that is simply to emphasize the evident truth that the requirements of more open government place obligations upon those who use the material as well as upon those who supply it. This is an argument for Parliament equipping itself more adequately through the organization and staffing of select committees. It *is not an argument for* withholding the necessary information.

There is another consideration that the Treasury may reasonably have in mind. These projections are not the automatic product of a set of figures. They require an element of judgment. If they were to be published they might be used as an instrument of public persuasion, which would undermine their principal purpose—but precisely the same objection could be raised to pub*lishing every other official* economic projection. The basic factor remains: knowledge of these projections is a necesary requirement for making economic policy rationally; so it is equally for scrutinizing economic policy rationally.

Suffering in Rhodesia

From Dr E. G. Nisbet

Sir, Over the past 90 years the work of the Salvation Army has made an enormous contribution to the welfare of the people of Zimbabwe and to their cultural renaissance. More important, it has brought the Good News of Christ to a multitude. Thus the Army's views on aid to the Patriotic Front must command concern and respect amongst Christians.

The World Council of Churches has rightly recognised the deep involvement of the Christian faith in the Rhodesian tragedy. Churches from almost all the countries of Western Europe have mission work there. Europe also bears a political responsibility for the tragedy: we are all to some extent guilty, and it is the Christian duty of the churches to alleviate the suffering by helping refugees.

But where are the refugees? Dr Elliot Gabellah recently estimated that 40-50,000 children had crossed the borders—many of these may be treated as "refugees", and the churches should do their utmost to look after them. But within the country? By July 6, 845 schools had been closed and 218,000 children were deprived of their education. Their teachers were put on a month's notice and four months unpaid leave. Many of these children are suffering from kwashiorkor; disease and malnutrition are increasing as the formerly excellent health service crumbles: 12,000 cattle have died in the Darwin and Rushinga areas because of the resurgence of trypanosomiasis (despite the remarkable successes of Rhodesian research into tsetse fly control). In the August 23 edition of *The Times* your correspondent Nicholas Ashford reported perhaps 250,000 refugees in Bulawayo alone.

These figures give some idea of the scale of the problem. It is perhaps ten times worse within the country than it is in the neighbouring states. Here, surely, is where the bulk of the aid should be sent. The need is great and very urgent. For every dollar sent to the neighbouring states ten should be sent to promote relief work in the urban centres of Rhodesia. The skilled teachers and nurses are there, the food stockpiles are there—it is the money and the organization that are needed.

Is it not the duty of the British Churches and the World Council of Churches to see to this? Rather than protest about past actions by the WCC we should endeavour to provide very substantial support for relief work within the country, and we should be praying for those dedicated saints who carry out that work. Zimbabwe is not Vietnam: we CAN help.

Yours faithfully,
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August 23.

Micro-electronics

From Mr Campbell Christie

Sir, The recent report that the Department of Employment are to set up a study group to examine the employment consequences of new micro-electronic technology is less of a blessing than it appears. There are already other Governmental or quasi-Governmental reviews concerned with the implications of this technology, including *the so far secret work of the* Prime Minister's Advisory Committee on Applied Research and Development and a number of NEDO sector working parties. The Government's approach to the issue has so far been piecemeal and secretive: a further internal review by a Government department does little to improve the situation.

What is urgently needed is a single major inquiry, on which all interested bodies are represented, which can consider the issues in depth and publish its findings. The Department of Employment's evidence—and that of the Prime Minister's Advisory Committee—would be important inputs to such an inquiry; but they should not be allowed to enjoy, in secrecy, pretensions to be the whole story.

Yours sincerely,
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Organizing full employment

From Mr Ian M. Leslie

Sir, The timely message spelt out by Sir Keith Joseph to the Bow Group (reported on August 25) suggests essentially that "full employment, or nearly full employment" will not be produced by governments which overspend, over-tax, and over-regulate, but by giving more freedom all round, not least to wage negotiators.

So far so good. But neither in Sir Keith's address as reported, nor, Sir, in your own comment (leader, August 25) do *I see reference to* the effects that mechanization and developing science are exerting on the relationship between productivity and employment. The problem is as old as the Luddite troubles of 160 years ago, though today we see opposition to technical changes in many more fields, ports and the newspaper industry being only two where greater efficiency must be a prerequisite to higher production at costs that are competitive in markets no longer purely domestic.

Ought we not to face, accept and plan for a forseeable future in which we shall have no option but to endure the unmistakable truth that technological advancement in its essence involves the use of fewer people, and that one result of what is undoubtedly a wide-world problem inevitably must be the creation of a body of permanently unemployed men and women (and possibly young people) which in the United Kingdom may not fall *significantly below the present* 1,500,000 mark?

If there is substance in this argument, then it points to the fact that all political parties would be unwise to hold out the promise of "full" (or even "fuller") employment as an inducement to voters, and consequently as an achieveable aim of government. This might not be in accord with electioneering policy but it would at least have the merit of honesty.

Sir Keith has fired a warning shot that, though it may fall short of its target, nevertheless is aimed in the right direction. Perhaps others than myself will hope that the next government to be in power will have the courage to acknowledge that the problem of high unemployment is here to stay, and encourage the social services to do more hard thinking and planning *about how the energies* and talents of those many thousands who must reconcile themselves to worklessness (or to premature retirement at best) can be harnessed to useful work for the community, and so win the satisfaction of proving that *they still* have a contribution to make. The answer most certainly does not lie, as some seem to think, in the direction of social security payments alone.

Yours faithfully,
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August 28.

University fee structure

From Professor Max Beloff, FBA

Sir, Dr Dahrendorf is right, of course (letter, August 30). Nothing *could be farther from* the truth than the idea that students capable of paying economic fees for higher education are to be found in richer rather than in poorer countries. Our own experience as an institution that does charge such fees fully bears out the arguments that Dr Dahrendorf advances. If there are to be differential fees, which most academics would deplore, the criterion would have to be personal, not national.

But those who rightly believe that Britain can gain much, even in material terms, from receiving Commonwealth and foreign students have, to judge from the correspondence in your columns, neglected one all-important condition. It is that the students should go back to their own countries with the qualifications they have come to acquire and with pleasant memories of their period of study here. Our experience leads me to believe that *this is not* universally the case, and that a considerable number of such students are admitted to institutions in this country without the skills, and particularly the linguistic skills, they need in order successfully to undertake *the courses for which they are* registered.

It is one thing to admit a British six-former from a good school with two or three A-levels and let him sink or swim, and quite another to apply the same treatment to a student with inadequate English and no experience of independent study. Not all institutions of higher education take this into account and act accordingly. If the DES wants to reduce the number of non-British students without incurring international ill-will, they should operate the tightening up in academic not financial terms. The important thing is the product offered, not the price.

Yours truly,
MAX BELOFF,
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August 30.

The new Pope

From Mr J. C. Davis

Sir, All the news about the new Pope, including that in your own newspaper, Sir, appears to assume that, by entitling him "the First", a future Pope will adopt the same *names.* How can anyone be so sure?

After all King John of this country remains unnumbered and so do Popes Landus, Romanus, Formosus, Valentine, St Zachary, Constantine, Sisinnius, Conon, St Agatho, St Vitalian, Severinus and several more going back to the early centuries.

We had to wait 624 years before John XXIII revived the name and 342 years before Paul VI did the *same for his. How long are we to* wait for Pope John Paul II?

Yours truly,
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August 29.

Measures against terrorism

From Mr Andrew Graham-Yooll

Sir, Mr Paul Wilkinson's article "Terrorism: the biggest human rights violation of all" (August 29) proposes extreme antidotes to terrorism without taking into *account the political considerations* that should accompany such counteraction. He is prescribing a powerful medicine for the outward effects of the illness with little regard for the origin of the infection. He also fails to consider the fact that "deterrence" has only relative effect where the opponent's commitment is one of total sacrifice.

I hasten to state my repudiation of terrorism; but would rather look at it under a different analytical light than that used by Mr Wilkinson. As long as the political and social inspiration of terrorism is not considered, terrorists will *continue to have the upper hand* on society. Therefore it will be difficult to "rid ourselves of the illusion that terrorists are invincible", which Mr Wilkinson sets as a first step to defend society. After all it can be argued that it is not the sophistication of diplomacy but crude terror that is hurtling Mr Ian Smith towards change in Rhodesia; likewise it is *fair to say that fear of unending* terrorism is one important factor pressing politicians to seek a settlement in the Middle East.

The nationalist movements cannot be "deterred" from seeking publicity. To think that they can be bludgeoned out of activity by computers and anti-terrorist units is to ignore their origins as a result of social and economic injustice (which they call the terrorism of the liberal state) and to neglect the hypocrisy of international relations (which accepts the release of some hijackers and terrorists or grants virtual diplomatic recognition to *some organizations which have* become too big to crush). Political and moral responsibility must be determined in legislation which, only when such provisions are made, can rightly be as harsh as the conditions require. Mr Wilkinson's proposed "deterrents" would have no other effect than that of prolonging the agony because they do *not incorporate factors beyond the* use of force.

A secondary consideration prompted by the article is that if the measures proposed were put into practice Euronean cities would be governed by forms which put *the state's security above every* other aspect of the community, with very restricted space left for the individual's freedom of movement. At a time when control of the citizen's freedom of action is being tightened unremittingly this is a dangerous encouragement to governments to assume more power.

Yours sincerely,
ANDREW GRAHAM-YOOLL.
29 Sandringham Road, NW11.

From Wing Commander H. R. Allen

Sir, It is not only *papers* that are carried in British diplomatic bags. There are also metal objects such as new combination locks and cipbering and deciphering equipment for British embassies. How else could these classified items get to the embassies except via the Corps of Queen's Messengers?

Yours sincerely,
H. R. ALLEN,
The Mount,
Adderbury, Near Banbury.

Villages in decline

From the General Secretary, General Synod Board of Education

Sir, Mindful of the considerable potential to which your correspondent, the Director of Education for Leicestershire, refers in today's issue (August 29), of primary schools for general community service in the countryside, the General Synod Board of Education has established a working party to investigate and report on how best those schools which are church schools may be enabled to realize it.

Church schools still constitute a high proportion of all rural primary schools in the country. Many of them, however, date from an age when "Community" and "Congregation" were virtually synonymous terms and are founded on trusts which assume that the church school would informally and automatically provide a centre for general parochial activities. But the Church and the Community are not now coterminous in most parishes and more formal arrangements may be needed to make a church school more widely available.

Mr Fairbairn, however, does not *refer to the church schools or*, although he is to my knowledge extremely well aware of them, to the difficult and complicated problems they will need to overcome if they are to play as full a community role as the county schools. I should *like, through the courtesy of your* columns, to assure your readers that the Church of England both recognizes these problems and is *determined to overcome them.*

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT WADDINGTON,
General Secretary,
General Synod Board of Education,
Church House,
Dean's Yard, Westminster, SW1.

From Lady Brimnier

Sir, In this village the local education authority closed our 100-year-old village school on the Green some fifteen years ago. It was a church *school and regarded with great* affection. We were promised a redundant secondary school as a combined primary school on a site central to Rotherfield Greys and two neighbouring villages. We would have fought closure but the alter*native seemed advantageous* to parents and children. But promises were broken and the children never got their new school and are still crowded in the one unclosed school of the three concerned.

At least by lively community action the schoolteacher's house was held on to for the Village Hall caretaker. Now we are engaged in sustained and lengthy struggle to continue pastoral care and the retention of our excellent modern (circa 1938) rectory, with some kind of incumbent—the hard pressed rector of the next parish has an already full commitment to which the diocese plans to add to our parish. We have our Post Office, but no village store. A local Voluntary Housing Trust has saved eight cottages from developers and weekenders and has modernised them for village residents of long *standing.*

Without a live rectory, with our school closed down, a bus only two days a week, our village hall, two pubs and the W.I. will be the chief focus of village life. I suspect that the same institutions stand out in *many other villages, threatened and* weakened spiritually and socially by indifferent hierarchies.

We villagers haven't "chosen to take our custom elsewhere", the powers that be, ecclesiastical and lay, have deprived us or are threatening to deprive us of two main supports to village life. Our own deep sense of belonging keeps us together. We enjoy our battles which tend to unite us—but defeat disheartens—and will in the end weaken our resolve. For the moment voluntary effort enriches and gives reality to what is left of village life.

Church and State in their upper echelons are seemingly indifferent, difficult of approach and lacking in pastoral and community care. Only the sturdiness of local people and their initiatives shine out like good deeds in a naughty rural world.

Yours faithfully,
ELIZABETH BRUNNER,
Greys Court,
Near Henley-on-Thames,
Oxfordshire.

From Lord Ailesbury

Sir, Your correspondent Brigadier Hughes (August 28) appears to be an expert in class warfare.

As the chief "local gent", to borrow his elegant phrase, perhaps you will kindly allow me to state that I took no part in this controversy. Since I can also say that Avebury is like no other village in the world, it follows that any attempt to use it as a typical instance of anything whatsoever is extremely silly.

Yours etc.,
AILESBURY,
Avebury Manor,
Near Marlborough,
Wiltshire.

Panamanian shipping

From Mr Harold Lewis

Sir, Mr Loree, chairman of the Federation of American Controlled Shipping (a delicious euphemism for the American flag-of-convenience shipowners' lobby), spends his professional life defending the indefensible: the adoption by a shipowner of a fictional nationality so as to escape the fiscal, social and moral obligations that other employers have to accept as their contribution to civilized society. His recent letter (August 28) fails to disguise his handicap.

His jibe at my organization—*that we are trying to improve the* "competitive posture" of the seafaring unions in Northern Europe—is given a resounding lie every day by our postbag, for the vast majority of the seafarers who are cheated, abused and abandoned by flag-of-convenience operators are from the Third World. (I am happy to reveal the secret, because there is nothing Mr Loree or anyone else can do about it, of the ITF's much envied intelligence system: seamen write to us.)

And surely he was unwise to quote Rear Admiral Benkert's assurance that the Panamanian authorities were "making a good effort" to upgrade their shipping administration? What chilling comfort that faint praise brings when he is talking of well over 3,000 ships and some 20 million tons!

Nor should the logical absurdity of these efforts elude your readers. The plain fact is that if these "improvements" are anything more than cosmetic the whole raison d'être of Panama's contribution to the flag of convenience exercise will be undermined and droves of owners will look for a less demanding home, ideally a country where the national emblem is the three monkeys.

Finally, when I wrote in my first letter of "untold" numbers of losses of ships and lives I chose the word with care. If Mr Loree has the figures, there can be no harm in letting the world in on what the Panamanian authorities seem hitherto to have regarded as a state secret.

Yours truly,
HAROLD LEWIS,
General Secretary, International Transport Workers Federation,
Maritime House,
Old Town,
Clapham, SW4.
August 29.

South Bank activities

From Mr Theo Crosby

Sir, Mr Peter Sharp (August 23) has written an intelligent and sensible letter pointing out that the mortuary quality of the South Bank simply reflects its authoritarian origins. It needs more varied uses, but it is clear that little will be changed until we can recognize *those elements we already have and* encourage them to grow. The recent GLC promotions of flags and sculptures are to be applauded, though they have proved evanescent. A more serious effort is contained in Felix Topolski's three arches under Hungerford Bridge. Here, with the most niggardly and inadequate official support he has been making an extraordinary and complex aesthetic experience.

Such an initiative, accessible to the public and set in the midst of the "concrete jungle" is a spark point for a more imaginative growth on the South Bank. Mr Topolski deserves our support.

The South Bank needs less constraint, more commercial activity and more subsidised fun perhaps, but above all its little sparks of life need to be nurtured.

Yours faithfully,
THEO CROSBY,
Pentagram Design
61 North Wharf Road, W2.
August 25.

Censoring party broadcasts

From Mr Colin Howson

Sir, Dislike of the National Front should not blind one to the nearer evil in the tactics of some currently more respectable organizations. I refer to the reported statement of the general secretary of the Association of Cinematographic and Allied Technicians that any broadcast of the Front which runs counter to the Association's views on immigra*tion or community relations could* be prevented by the Association from being broadcast. This is all predicated on the Front having satisfied the criteria governing the allocation of broadcasting time to parties contesting a general election.

The Association is not alone in being a self-appointed guardian of *public morals; nor, more import*antly, is it alone in considering the imposition of its own views mandatory. Where these concern the unhindered dissemination of information and even propaganda (it is often difficult to distinguish them) agreed by the relevant publicly responsible bodies to be legitimate, then the Association poses a very serious threat to the democratic process. I wish I could feel secure that any such gratuitous attempt at censorship by the Association will *be firmly resisted; but alas, I* cannot.

Yours faithfully,
COLIN HOWSON,
Lecturer in Philosophy,
London School of Economics,
Houghton Street, WC2.
August 30.

In the guard's van

From Mr Quentin Crewe

Sir, I much enjoy those advertisements telling us what a warm heart British Rail has. Encouraged by them, I thought I would take advantage of the generous concession by which a disabled person may travel with an attendant but pay only one fare. Punctiliously, I telephoned to Crewe station to alert them; a charming person said I would be met and guided to the *train. I asked if the concession ap*plied to cheap day returns. They did not know. I telephoned British Rail in London. They would ring back. They didn't.

Never mind. Common sense suggested that, if British Rail were trying to make disabled people feel like ordinary people, the concession would cover all forms of ticket.

At the ticket office I explained that I wanted to travel with the person who was pushing my chair and that I was grateful for the arrangement by which I had to pay only one fare. "Two cheap-day returns", said a figure who looked *like a terrorist on holiday.* I explained again. He went off and looked at a book of rules.

"You'll go in the guard's van."

"Well, no actually, dear British Rail have beautiful new rolling stock with wide doors especially for wheelchairs, in first class as it happens, but all for the price of one ticket."

He knew nothing of that. So he issued me with one full-price return ticket and a permit to travel in the guard's van.

Warm heart, maybe—devilish cold hands.

Yours faithfully,
QUENTIN CREWE.
Netherset Hey,
Madeley,
Crewe,
Cheshire.
August 24.

Redundant churches

From Mr William Bell

Sir, The reluctance of the Church of England to dispose of the church of St John the Evangelist, Reading, to the Polish Roman Catholics, alluded to by Mr Marcus Binney in his letter (August 29), is not with*out parallel.*

I am most concerned at present with the future of St Mark's Church, North Audley Street, Westminster, where a similar situation exists. St Mark's is one of the rare works of that scholarly architect John Gandy-Deering, *although* the fine interior which exists today results from the extensive alterations made by Blomfield in 1878.

Both the American Church in London and the Chinese Church in London have expressed firm interest in taking over the building for their worship: in fact the former actually shared the use of the church for some time.

The Church of England desires to dispose of this fine piece of ecclesiastical architecture for commercial use as a supermarket.

In this event the shell of the building would survive, but its interior would be transformed in a peculiarly distasteful way. The justification for this I understand to be the realization of the best financial return on the property. The need for the Church of England to exercise the proper husbandry of its estates cannot be disputed, but this should not absolve the Church from that responsibility for safeguarding the future of historic buildings *which is shared by all members of* the community. I hope that the authorities may yet be persuaded to think again.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM BELL, Chairman,
Historic Buildings Committee,
Greater London Council,
County Hall, SE1.
August 29.

As long as they are tall

From Mrs Patricia Crozier

Sir, Today I learned with interes that the average height of ou current Test side is 6 feet. Sinc there are 11 playing members o *the team, their total length* i therefore 66 feet or 22 yards—th length of the wicket.

Is this significant?

Yours faithfully,
P. CROZIER,
26 Hazlemere Road,
Thundersley,
Benfleet,
Essex.
August 24.

COURT CIRCULAR

MORAL CASTLE

ust 31 : The Queen was repre-ed by The Prince of Wales at State Funeral of His Excel-y the Honourable Mzee Jomo yatta (President of the Re-lic of Kenya), which took place the Parliament Grounds, obi, this morning.

rthdays today

Barbara Dean, 54 ; Sir Errol Santos, 88 ; Sir Dennis tor, 73 ; Lord Riverdale, 77 ; Thomson of Fleet, 55.

Marriages

Mr J. E. S. Frost and Miss T. A. Moss

The marriage took place on Saturday, August 26, in St. George's College Chapel, Weybridge, between Mr James Edgar Sedgwick Frost and Miss Terry Ann Moss, Father B. P. Murtough, CJ officiated. The bride was attended by Miss Janet Roberts, and Mr Christopher Marsh was best man.

Mr A. J. Keys and Dr L. Low-Beer

The marriage took place on Friday August 25, at Chelsea Register Office between Mr Anthony James Keys, only son of Mr and Mrs James Keys, of Castle Cary, Somerset, and Dr Leila Low-Beer, elder daughter of the late Mr and Mrs C. L. Thomas, of Kerala, India

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include : Mr David Newbigging, Dr Ho Kam-fai, Mr Allen Lee and Mr Andrew So to be unofficial members of the Hongkong Legislative Council. Mr Edmund Capon, assistant keeper, Far Eastern section, Victoria and Albert Museum, to be Director, Art Gallery of New South Wales, Sydney.

rthcoming rriages

R. G. Dewey and Miss S. R. Lusk

engagement is announced ween Rupert Grahame, elder of Sir Anthony and Lady ey, of Silton Lodge, Gilling-Dorset, and Suzanne Rose-y daughter of Mr Andrew , of Fordie Comrie, Perth-e and Mrs Rosemary Lusk, of Richmond Court Sloane et, SW1.

C. J. Bamber and Miss D. K. Ford

engagement is announced ween Christopher, son of Mr Mrs John Bamber, of Ivan-Thornham, Norfolk, and na, younger daughter of Dr Mrs Hugh Ford, of Poplars, cham, Norfolk.

A. R. P. Bird and Miss R. C. Baker

engagement is announced ween Austen, only son of Mrs M. Bird, of Leigh-on-Sea, and late Mr S. P. Bird, and Rita herine, only daughteer of Mrs Baker, of Kensington, and the Mr M. J. Baker.

J. Y. Brame and Miss S. J. Jack

engagement is announced ween James Yancey Brame, of York, son of Lieutenant-onel James Y. Brame, of Palm ings, California, and the late G. A. Phelps, and Sarah e, younger daughter of Wing mmander and Mrs Ralph Rob-on Jack, of the Oak House, nfield Common, West Sussex.

R. C. Davies and Miss S. F. K. McGeehan

engagement is announced ween Roger, eldest son of Mr Mrs R. H. Davies, of Colwyn , North Wales, and Sara, ngest daughter of Mr and Mrs J. McGeehan, of Weybridge, rrey.

D. F. Gomme and Miss L. A. D. Thomson

engagement is announced tween David, younger son of Mr Mrs Geoffrey Gomme, of rrick House, Aylesbury, and dsay, daughter of the late ng Commander Peter Thomson of Mrs Thomson, of Kings ie House, Camberley.

C. C. Halliwell and Miss L. A. Lynch

engagement is announced tween Christopher, youngest n of Mr and Mrs E. L. Halli-ll, of Gerrards Cross, Bucking-mshire, and Lynda, daughter Mr and Mrs J. W. Lynch, of rshalton, Surrey.

S. A. J. Toppin and Margaret Lady Jackson

engagement is announced een Samuel A. J. Toppin of nsington, London, and Mar-ret Jackson, of Dolphin Square, ndon, and Nutley, Sussex.

S. A. Wallis and Miss H. K. A. Glanville

engagement is announced tween Simon, son of Mr and rs A. Wallis, of Chichester, ssex, and Helen, daughter of Mr d Mrs T. J. Glanville, of ulwich, London.

Mr J. P. Alexander and Miss S. A. C. Smith

The engagement is announced between Jeremy Philip, only son of Mr and Mrs Philip Alexander, of Hardwick Hall, near Norwich, and Shirley Ann Carew, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Gordon Smith, of Cranes Farm, North Green, Pulham St Mary, Norfolk.

Mr G. Berry and Miss B. Crone

The engagement is announced between Gavin, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Raymond Berry, of Templars, Stoneyware, Bisham Marlow, Buckinghamshire, and Biba, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ernest Crone, of 24 Weyman Road, Blackheath, London, SE3.

Mr N. P. Blades and Miss F. M. M. Lee

The engagement is announced between Nicholas Peter, son of Mr and Mrs M. W. Blades, of Cirencester, Gloucestershire, and Felicity Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. J. M. Lee, of Ampney St Mary, Cirencester, Gloucestershire.

Mr S. M. Browning and Miss S. G. Vernon

The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mr and Mrs W. J. Browning, of Ashford, Middlesex, and Sally, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R. G. Vernon, of The Malt House, Ford, Chippenham, Wiltshire.

Mr G. P. Eder and Miss V. M. Kennedy

The engagement is announced between Gordon Philip, son of Robert and Nesty Eder, of 39 St Margaret Street, Sliema, Malta, and Vivien Margaret, elder daughter of Stephen and Anita Kennedy, of 71 Albert Hall Mansions, London, SW7.

Mr P. W. H. Greenhalgh and Miss R. W. Hooper

The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr David H. Greenhalgh and Mrs Marie Thérèse Discry, and Roberta, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs G. K. Hooper, of Richmond, Surrey.

Mr A. W. Martin and Miss L. J. Sowerby

The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Mr and Mrs M. Martin of 87 Balfour Road, Rose Bay, Sydney, Australia, and Lindy, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Simon Sowerby, of Broomfield House, Queen Camel Yeovil, Somerset.

Mr R. M. Robinow and Miss P. E. Harman

The engagement is announced between Richard Michael, elder son of Mr and Mrs H. M. Robinow, of Wells Rise, Regent's Park, and Phebe Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr G. A. Harman, of Millfield Lane, Highgate, and of Mrs G. Him, of Greville Road, St John's Wood.

Mr G. D. Woodman and Miss G. L. Thomson

The engagement is announced between Gordon Derrick, younger son of the late D. G. Woodman and of Mrs Woodman, of Ferndale Close, Tunbridge Wells, and Gail Lindsay, daughter of the late B. W. Thomson and of Mrs Thomson, of 39 Rutland Gate, London, SW7.



Artists behind wire : An exhibition of art in adversity, showing the work of prisoners-of-war in both world wars, opens on Wednesday at the Imperial War Museum (our Arts Reporter writes). But while there is a widely representative section of work from the 1914-18 period, few of the German PoW camps of the Second World War are represented. Mrs Vivienne Crawford, the exhibition organizer, said : "We should be delighted to see this gap filled if anyone cares to bring or send work along." The items to be displayed, until October 22, are by eye-witnesses of the events or scenes depicted, although not all the works were done during imprisonment. The lino cuts (above), by John Mennie, is of prisoners in Japanese camps working on the Thai-Burma railway

Luncheon

HM Government

Mr Edward Rowlands, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon held at 1 Carlton Gardens yesterday in honour of *the High Commissioner for* Malawi and Mrs Likaku. Among those present were :

Sir Harry Llewellyn, Mr and Mrs J. M. Thompson, Mr G. P. A. Bogusławski, Mr David Dixon, Mr and Mrs J. C. Mezzar, Mr M. P. J. Lynch, Mr and Mrs J. F. Porter, Mr and Mrs D. J. Sharp, Mr H. M. S. Reid and Mr K. D. Temple.

Reception

Anglo-Portuguese Society

The Anglo-Portuguese Society held a reception at the Royal Academy of Arts yesterday evening by permission of the president and council, at the start of the exhibition "Portuguese Art since 1910". Among those present were :

The Portuguese Ambassador and Senhora Martins, the Spanish Ambassador and the Marquess de Perinat, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster, the Minister for the Arts and Lady Donaldson of Kingsbridge, the Chairman of the Arts Council and Mrs Kenneth Robinson, the President of the Royal Academy and Lady Casson, Sir Archibald and Lady Ross, Dr José Blanco (representing the trustees of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation) and Senhora Blanco, Mr Peter Brinson (director, UK and Commonwealth branch, Gulbenkian Foundation), Professor and Senhora Nobre de Gusmao, Senhor and Senhora Franca Ribeiro, Senhor and Dr Gomes Ferreira, Dr and Senhora Baptista da Silva, Mr and Mrs Stephen Lockhart, Professor Helmut Wohl and representatives of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the British Council.

Today's engagements

Lecture : Hogarth the realist, Tate Gallery, 1.

Exhibitions : Crafts, DLI Museum and Arts Centre, Aykley Heads, Durham, 10-5. Early cinematography, Rutland County Museum, Oakham, 10-5. Suffolk Collection, Ranger's House, Blackheath, London, 10-5. Harvey Commemorative Exhibition, Science Museum, 10-6.

Marcel Marceau, Sadler's Wells Theatre, 7

Recitals : Robert Crowley, organ, St Paul's Cathedral, 12.20.

Martin Ellis, organ, St Stephen's, Walbrook, 12.20.

Band concert : Victoria Embankment Gardens, 12.30.

International Motor Cycle Show, Earls Court, 10-7.

University news

Aberdeen

Appointments

Lecturer: N. J. Bradford, MA, DPhil, sociology.

Research fellows: Margaret A. Sabiston, MB, ChB, development biology; surgery: A. D. Corbett, BSc, and M. Henseling, addictive drugs unit: R. Mant, BSc, MSc, zoology.

Better libraries urged for patients and prisoners

By Kenneth Gosling

Improvements in the library service to disadvantaged groups, including the housebound and handicapped, prisoners and hospital patients, are recommended in a report today by a working party set up in 1975 by the Library Advisory Council for England.

"At no time in public library history has it been more essential for the library service to reassess its aims and its practice", it says. "During times of economic hardship the service becomes more important, not less, to the community as a whole, especially to those who, without some help, are effectively barred from its service."

Some authorities do not provide for certain groups, and where a service is provided it is unlikely to be reaching more than a fraction of those in need, the report says.

"The library service has a statutory duty to be comprehensive and efficient. That meant planning to meet the demands of all sections, not just of the most articulate.

The report says libraries should think of the disadvantaged as those who are barred from the normal use of their services physically or psychologically because they need to have the service specially delivered; they need help and encouragement to use the library.

It criticizes unthinking practices by library staff, such as the unnecessary exclusion of prams and wheelchairs or an unhelpful attitude among staff.

Prison library accommodation is frequently unsatisfactory for library use. Prisoners should have access to standards of service and resources not less than those which can be taken for granted in a modern public library. Recommended : that links within local authorities between senior officials responsible for education in prisons and chief librarians should be strengthened ; and that a line of communication between prison governors, public libraries and local education authorities should be established.

"The Libraries' Choice" ; Library Information series No. 10 ; Stationery Office ; £2.25.

Giant opener to release man sealed in tin can

By Our Arts Reporter

One of the most dangerous and, on the face of it, oddest artistic endeavours for some time will take place in Bristol next month when Mr Tom Saddington will have himself sealed into a giant tin can in the auditorium of the Arnolfini Gallery.

After about two hours he will be released by a team of helpers using a giant can-opener. The performance will be "free and open" to the public.

Mr Saddington is a jeweller and part-time teacher who works and lives near Taunton. A note about his project in the *Arnolfini Review* explains that he has been concerned, even obsessed, for some time with used consumer products, food packaging and the aesthetics of trash.

He is attempting, the gallery says, to turn our ideas about values inside out by making items of rubbish in precious metals. He began by making miniature silver cans, then opening them *to show*, by means of colour, the contents spilling over the sides.

Parallel to the tin project, for which he will not receive a grant unlike other much publicized efforts Mr Saddington has written an essay in which he sees the adornments of the future as bus tickets and sparkly sweet papers picked up by people in the street.

He writes : "Adventurous people are wearing food already —a Marmite sandwich, a carrot earring ; others at least are considering the idea. Anything can be snatched from a plate or refrigerator and worn with style. Of course it becomes mouldy, it rots, but there is plenty more when you tire of its pungency. Food stains—the conceptual end of the market—will thrill. For the conventional, gravy and mint sauce on their neckties ; egg and trifle will be high street fashion ; rare and out-of-season stains clamoured for by the ultra chic."

Mr Saddington will be sealed inside his can on October 28 by electric arc-welding. He will carry a torch and a microphone and transmit regular bulletins to the outside world.

It is, the *Arnolfini Review* says, a daring piece of escapology and the logical consummation of his recent work. Just to ensure that his work is not brought to an abrupt and untimely end, a few small holes will be drilled in the top of the can.

Latest wills

Miss Marjorie Lois Clayton, of Hove, left £81,758 net. After specific bequests she left the remainder of her property to the SPC.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid ; tax not disclosed) :

Bibby, Mr James, of Preston, company director .. £164,276

Kent, Mr Thomas John, of Ashbourne, intestate .. £131,570

Rees-Thomas, Dr William, of Cobham £274,543

Smethurst, the Rev John Wintringham, of Kenilworth £121,806

'Graduates may soon drive buses' forecast

A university careers expert predicted yesterday that it will not be long before bus and train drivers hold university degrees.

Mr Brian Heap, author of *Winning your place at university*, a guide for sixth-formers, said that, while universities were seeking in general higher entry qualifications, new technology and "employment slippage" meant that graduates were widening their horizons.

Graduates were already looking at jobs that A-level people used to go for. Sixth-formers were looking at jobs formerly the preserve of O-level candidates.

Speaking at a London press conference to launch the latest edition of his guide to university entrance, Mr Heap mentioned a fault in the education system in which thousands of sixth-formers got their results during the summer holidays but had no schools careers advisers available to help if their results did not match entry requirements of the universities they were hoping to go to.

Mr Heap said he feared that hundreds of bright youngsters were failing to get to university because expert advice was not available when the A-level results came out during the holidays.

Britain loses lead in bridge league

Great Britain lost the lead in the league table to Germany in the junior European Bridge Championship at Stirling University this week as a result of a disappointing draw with Hungary in the tenth round (our Bridge Correspondent writes).

Leading positions after 10 rounds: 1, Germany, 161; 2, Britain, 160; 3, Sweden, 156; 4, Austria, 141; 5, Poland, 155; 6, Norway, 155; 7, Belgium, 150.



'Sponsored Prom' : A violinist taking a rest yesterday at the start of a 48-hour sponsored concert by 90 young music students to raise money for the British Youth Symphony Orchestra. The concert, at the London Welsh Club, in Gray's Inn Road, London, will continue nonstop until 4 pm tomorrow. Colin Davis and Norman Del Mar will be among the conductors.

OBITUARY

MR JOHN WRATHALL
President of Rhodesia

Mr John Wrathall, who became President of Rhodesia in 1976 after serving for 12 years as Finance Minister, died suddenly in his sleep on Thursday night. He was 65.

English born, he came to the highest office as successor to Rhodesia's first president under the republican regime, Mr Clifford Dupont. Under the majority rule agreement reached in March, Mr Wrathall would have been likely to hand over office after the end of this year.

Born on August 28, 1913, he was educated at Lancaster Grammar School, qualified as a chartered accountant in 1935, and went to Rhodesia in the following year. For 10 years he worked in the Southern Rhodesian income tax department. In 1946 he took up private practice in Bulawayo, and served as a city councillor from 1949 to 1959. He entered politics in 1954, when he won the Bulawayo South seat in the general election for the moderate ruling United Rhodesia Party led by Mr Garfield Todd. He did not seek re-election in the 1958 general election but in 1962 became a founder member of the right-wing Rhodesian Front Party, and won the Bulawayo North seat in the elections that December. He became a member of Mr Winston Field's first Rhodesian Front Cabinet, as Minister of African Education, taking on in addition responsibility for health and European education when the Central African Federation broke up at the end of 1963.

In April, 1964, Mr Wrathall became Minister of Finance, succeeding Mr Ian Smith, who had replaced Field as Prime Minister. A signatory to Rhodesia's UDI document in 1965, and involved in countering sanctions against Rhodesia, Mr Wrathall became Deputy Prime Minister in September, 1966. He became a senator in August, 1974, and was appointed President of Rhodesia on December 10, 1975. Known as the "quiet man of politics", Mr Wrathall kept aloof from the general turmoil of politics, although he was never afraid to criticize successive British Governments over their attitudes towards Rhodesia, particularly on the sanctions issue. A handsome and popular man who lent quiet dignity to his office, Mr Wrathall suffered from a persistent throat condition but always appeared fit, and was an active head of state. With his wife he had visited Salisbury Agricultural Show on Wednesday. He is survived by his wife, Doreen, and their two sons.

PROFESSOR G. L. STANDART

Professor Bernard Atkinson writes :

Professor G. L. Standart, Professor of Chemical Engineering at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology since 1967, died suddenly on August 25 shortly after admission to hospital. He was 57.

Professor Standart was one of the world's most distinguished chemical engineers with an international reputation in the areas of irreversible thermodynamics and separation process engineering. He was an American who undertook undergraduate studies in chemical engineering at the California Institute of Technology in the *early 1940s* and then returned as a research student following a period in the petroleum industry with Standard Oil of California. After 1948 he established the Department of Chemical Engineering at the Prague Institute of Chemical Technology, where he received a Docentship in 1955 and became Professor in 1961. In 1959 he was awarded a Czechoslovak State Prize for his engineering research work, particularly in irreversible thermodynamics. He served as chairman of the chemical engineering section of the Czechoslovak Chemical Society 1955-62 and in 1959-63 was head of the Chemical Engineering Division of the Institute of Chemical Process Fundamentals of the Czechoslovak Academy of Science.

Professor Standart introduced *the field of irreversible thermodynamics* into the department at UMIST and significantly expanded the activities in separation processes with major support from the Science Research Council. He was particularly instrumental in developing the department's pilot plant facilities during a period as head of department in the early 1970s, and this has resulted in research and teaching resources which are without parallel within the academic chemical engineering world and are coveted by many industrial research departments.

A man of great talent and energy, he had published over 70 technical papers and was editor of the journal *Chemical Engineering Communications*. He was a past chairman of the north-west branch of the Institution of Chemical Engineers.

His friends and colleagues throughout the world will be shocked to hear of his premature death, which leaves an intellectual vacancy within the field of chemical engineering which will be very hard to fill. He is survived by his devoted wife, Phoebe, from whom he has received outstanding support throughout a very demanding career, and also two daughters, who are beginning to follow in their father's academic footsteps.

BRIGADIER DAVID TIGHE-WOOD

G. G. and P. D. M. write :

Few of us achieve excellence and very few indeed excellence in a variety of fields, as did Brigadier William Davidson Tighe-Wood, CBE, MC, known to most of us in the Army as "Digger", who died peacefully on August 27 at his home in Wherwell.

Although Digger successfully passed the Camberley Staff College course and held several key staff appointments, it was as a leader of soldiers, front line soldiers, that he excelled—as a platoon commander in the 2nd Battalion The Royal Ulster Rifles, at Dunkirk and later as one of their company commanders landing *in Normandy on D Day* ; as 2nd in command and then C.O. of the 3rd Battalion, The Parachute Regiment, in the British Army of the Rhine and Cyprus ; as Brigade Commander of the 44th Parachute Brigade (TA) and 158 Infantry Brigade (TA). As a commander he led essentially by example, and what an example he set those of us who were lucky enough to serve with him! Always he was ready to be the first to face danger, to endure hardship and to carry the brunt of responsibility and hard work.

His father was the distinguished artist, William T. Wood, best known for his water colours, and the family lived in Glebe Place, Chelsea, where he had his studio. Digger had always taken a deep, almost professional interest in pictures and although in the running for yet further promotion in the Army, he retired early *mainly because he doubted* whether he would have any further appointments serving with troops.

So it was to pictures that he now turned. First, he worked for several years *ex gratia* and almost full time in the British Museum in the Department of *Prints and Drawings*, and then he set up as a professional restorer of pictures, in particular water colours, in which he became an acknowledged expert. As such he worked on the art collection of Mr Paul Mellon and it was in this way that he first met his beloved wife Morfydd, or "Miffy". Subsequently Paul Mellon presented this collection to Yale University as the Yale Center for British Art, and Digger and his wife were among the guests who attended the inaugural ceremony at Yale in April 1977.

Then he was a most enthusiastic fisherman, almost a legend on the Test, a stone's throw from his home, and in the places in Ireland and Scotland which he visited to see friends and to fish.

Above all Digger excelled as a friend in fair and foul weather, always unselfish and self-sacrificing, always cheerful and optimistic, and trusted by all who knew him to the ends of the earth and beyond. Words cannot express how much he will be missed here by his many friends.

SIR PHILIP DINGLE

Sir Philip Dingle, who was Town Clerk of Manchester from 1944 to 1966, died on August 29 at the age of 71. A native of Sheffield, he was educated at Cheltenham College and at the age of 18 was articled to one of the most notable figures in modern local government, the late Sir William Hart, when the latter was Town Clerk of Sheffield ; he also attended Sheffield University, where he became LLM in 1928. In the same year he was admitted solicitor and became assistant solicitor to Sheffield Corporation. He was Deputy Town Clerk of Manchester at 32 in 1939, was made deputy controller of Civil Defence for Manchester in 1939, and succeeded as town clerk and controller respectively in 1944.

Dingle served on two national advisory councils, on child care and on clean air, after the war ; was president of the Society of Town Clerks in 1961-62 ; and was a life member of the council of Cheltenham College from 1965. He was made CBE in 1954 and knighted in 1964.

He married in 1938, Miss Kathleen Hurst, of Sheffield, and also leaves a son and a daughter.

Mr Shaul Avigur, one of the leaders of the Hagana underground and a founder of the Israeli intelligence service, has died aged 79. A native of Dvinsk, in central Russia, he came to Israel as a child.

CAPT A. MAXWELL-HYSLOP

Captain Alexander Henry Maxwell-Hyslop, GC, RN, who died on August 28 at the age of 83, had the double distinction of being awarded the Albert Medal (formally converted in 1971 to the George Cross) and of being one of the few naval officers who served in the First World War as a RNAS airship pilot.

In his early years a heavyweight boxing champion of the Grand Fleet (though himself a light-heavyweight) and a forward in the Royal Navy rugby XV, he won the Albert Medal for his conduct *in an 8-in gun* turret of the cruiser Devonshire when there was an explosion during the 1929 exercises.

Having joined the navy in 1907, he served until after the Second World War, and ended his career in command of training at HMS Raleigh. He was ADC to King George VI in 1944-45. He was the father of Mr Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, MP for Tiverton.

M Pierre-Antoine Paulet, one of France's foremost art restorers, has died of a heart attack at the age of 84. Chief restorer at Versailles, he was stricken while cleaning a painting in the palace laboratory. He was in charge of repairing damage caused in a bomb attack on the seventeenth century palace last June by separatists from Brittany.

RAF officers graduate

Air Vice-Marshal J. M. D. Sutton, Assistant Chief of the Air Staff (Policy), Ministry of Defence, as reviewing officer yesterday hen 43 officers of No 326 Course, lue Squadron, graduated from ie RAF Officer Cadet Training nit, Henlow.

The British Aircraft Corporation rophy for the best all-round erformance on the course was warded to Pilot Officer S. G. ourt, aged 21, of the security ranch. The Professional Studies rize was presented to Pilot fficer W. Smith, aged 22, of the eneral duties (ground) branch ircraft control. The Overseas tudents' Prize was presented to econd Lieutenant C. A. Suther-nd, of the Jamaican Defence orce.

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General duties branch: Pilot Officer T. N. Barbour BA, P. Portora Royal S, Surrey; Bussey, Cambridge; Flying Officers M. A. Bills, N. Fearns Co Sec S, Fleetwood Nautical C; R. J. Cullen, P, Bournemouth C of Tech; Pilot Officer R. A. W. Eiches, P, Old Swinford Hosp S, Worcester; Flying Officer M. Geddes, P, Petersfield Ac; Pilot Officers W. J. Hoyle, P, Sedgley S; G. D. Paton, P, Dundee C of Ed; Flying Officer S. Pearson, N, Scarborough Tech C; Pilot Officers M. S. Taylor, P, St Kentigern C, Auckland; C. D. Tingay, P, Cottingham HS; N. D. Wainwright, P, Wymondham C.

General duties (ground) branch: Flying Officer D. J. Edmunds, P, Gunnersbury GS; Pilot Officers N. E. Muller, WRAF, Acc, Grey Coat Hosp, Westminster, Bedford CPE; W. Smith, AcC, Our Lady of Lourdes Sec S, Glasgow; Notre Dame C of Ed, Glasgow; Flying Officers F. F. Willis, AcC, Downham Market Sec Mod S.

Photographic interpretation branch: Flying Officers J. S. Barry, Shirley Tech C; J. H. Bevan, Ullathorne Sec Mod S, Coventry; Pilot Officer D. T. Friend, WRAF, Singapore Internat S, Norfolk; CAT.

Engineer branch: Flight Officer R. M. Adams, Redditch Co HS, N Glouc; C of Tech; J. M. Burton, Leamington C; J. P. Smith, Paston S; B. Stokes, Solton HGS, Plymouth; S. Webber, High Arcal GS, Bedley; C. A. R. Wurts, Wellington Tech C, Salop.

Supply branch: Pilot Officer J. M. Milne, WRAF, Rochester Girls GS; M. C. Simons, BA, Bedford S, Leeds University; Flight Officer G. T. Williams, Alcester GS.

Administrative branch: Flight Officer P. E. Cole, Exmouth S, Inverness Tech C; D. J. Dunn, Lutterfield GS, Chepstow; W. Llanelli Tech C; Pilot Officer S. M. Hall, WRAF, Peterlee Tech GS; Flight Officers D. Hart, Clacton Co HS; P. E. Jerrard, BSc, St George's C, Weybridge, Sherfield University; W. S. Plowman, Alleyne's GS, Uttoxeter, Ipswich Civic C; M. Reid, College des Freres; E. N. Trimble.

Security branch: Pilot Officer S. J. Court, Worcester RGS; Flight Officer W. E. Dryden, Newbiggin-by-Sea Sec Mod S; Pilot Officer S. A. L. Stemling, East Devon CFE.

Other forces

Jamaican Defence Force: Second Lieutenants J. A. Roberts, St Andrews HS, Jamaica; C. Sutherland, Wolmer's S, Kingston.

Nigerian Air Force: Flight Officers M. Maiba, Kaduna; B. Pilabo, Kaduna Poly.

Sultanate of Oman Air Fforc: Pilot Officer A. S. Al Baird, Air Service Training S, Perth.

Lambeth degrees

The Archbishop of Canterbury is to confer a Lambeth MA on Reginald Lindsay Fisher (Brother Michael, of the Society of St Francis) and an M Litt on Miss Benedicta Whistler, of the Advisory Council for the Church's Ministry.

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From The Times of Tuesday, Sept 1, 1953

From Our Own Correspondent

Bonn, Aug 31.—Dr Adenauer returned to Bonn today encouraged by his reception throughout his election tour of the northern cities and more than ever convinced that the election tide is flowing with him. Many independent observers agree that the Chancellor's standing has never been higher and that his achievements during four difficult years of office are impressing the floating vote. The Kremlin's patent intervention to mobilize a majority against the treaties with the West seems to be having an effect opposite to that for which it was designed. . . . Since the Social Democrats first suggested the setting up of a mixed commission to draft an electoral law for a reunited Germany misgivings have been expressed in more than one quarter that this could imply recognition of the Pankow regime. The Social Democrats sharply reject such an interpretation but it is clear that the electoral law, unlike railway and postal affairs, would raise fundamental political issues. The two things are hardly comparable and it is not surprising that the Social Democrats are beginning to sense an uneasiness among electors about where their alternative policy might in fact lead western Germany.

Science report

Genetics: Why white tigers are white

By the Staff of *Nature*

The exotic white tigers of the Indian forest have always exerted a powerful effect on the imagination. They have also provided geneticists with a more glamorous alternative to the domestic cat to test some theories on the inheritance of coat colour and the effects of the abnormal pigmentation on less obvious characteristics.

The famous "white" tigers in captivity are not true albinos. Only two true albino tigers—completely white with pink eyes—have ever been seen. The white tigers now in zoos around the world are off-white with ashy grey-brown stripes, ice blue eyes and pink noses and paw pads. Most are descendants of the "Rewa" line, which was founded by the white tiger, Mohan, captured in the Rewa forest *in 1951 and kept at* the palace of the Maharajah of Rewa.

Since then Mohan has fathered no fewer than 30 white cubs by various mates. Some of these white tigers have been acquired by zoos in Europe and America; the successful breeding colony at the Bristol zoological gardens is based on one of the white sons of a mating between Mohan and one of his yellow daughters.

More recently another lineage of white tigers in captivity has been found, whose origins are unknown, and which may be separate from the Rewa line. White cubs appeared in two of five litters produced by a yellow tigress in an American circus; although the father cannot be identified, it is likely to be one of her brothers.

An exhaustive survey of the white tigers in captivity and their offspring over the past 20 years has provided Dr I. W. B. Thornton, of La Trobe University in Australia, with a comprehensive picture of the way the "white" trait is inherited. Mohan was originally mated to a presumably unrelated yellow tigress. All the cubs from this mating were yellow. White cubs appeared in the litters from subsequent matings of Mohan with two of his yellow daughters. Soon it became possible to mate two white tigers—and the cubs from such matings were invariably white.

That is the classical picture of inheritance of a trait caused by a single "recessive" gene, as seen in humans in the inheritance of blue eye colour. The white characteristics appear only if the tiger inherits a white gene from both its father and mother. In that case the animal is said to be homozygous for the white gene.

If only one white gene is inherited the tiger will be yellow; the gene for yellow is dominant. But if a yellow tiger carrying one white gene and one yellow gene (the heterozygous state) is mated with a white tiger it will nearly always produce mostly white cubs.

The yellow cubs of such a mating will of necessity always be heterozygous for white, and if mated with each other will probably also produce some white cubs.

This particular white trait in the tiger seems to resemble the so-called *chinchilla* gene in other cats and mammals, but shows some peculiar characteristics. One rather unexpected concomitant of albinism or grossly reduced pigmentation in cats and other mammals *is strabismus*, or cross-eyes. Siamese cats, albino mink and ferrets and other albino mammals show this peculiarity, although it is not found in Burmese cats or Silver Persians, which are thought to be homozygous for the *chinchilla* gene.

It is found in white tigers, however. Some are visibly cross-eyed, and post-mortem examination of the relevant part of the brain of a white tiger that died at the Washington National Zoological Park showed the characteristic abnormality associated with that condition.

The association between albinism and strabismus has been recently traced by American neurophysiologists to defective pigmentation in the retina, which disrupts the proper development of the connexions between the eye *and the parts of the brain* that process visual information.

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Peugeot head confident that Chrysler deal will go ahead

From Ian Murray
Paris, Aug 31

Peugeot-Citroën has no reason to think that the British Government will refuse to give authorization for their takeover of Chrysler UK, M Jean-Paul Parayre, the French company's president, said today.

Asked during a press conference what would happen if permission were not forthcoming, he said he refused to speak hypothetically and was confident that the deal would be approved.

At the same time M Parayre refused to give any categorical guarantee over redundancies. Given the economic climate, he said, that was the sort of thing that nobody in the world could do. "We are trying to form a competitive group which will make employment secure", he said.

As for relations with British trade unions, the company's objective was to develop the enterprise in the interests of customers, personnel, shareholders "and in the interests of the country in which we are".

As far as his company was concerned there would be no difficulty in talking to anyone provided they had the same objectives at heart.

M Parayre was prepared to give undertakings that his company would take on all Chrysler's outstanding obligations, and said that a British Government representative on the new board of the company would be acceptable.

Most of the question time was given over to trying to find out how the French company expected to be able to deal with British trade unions.

The object was to create an enterprise able to compete effectively in world markets. If it succeeded there would be greater job security for all. This security should satisfy the demands of the British unions for guarantees about redundancy.



M Jean-Paul Parayre, centre, Peugeot-Citroën head, with M Joseph Ris, left, his marketing director, and M Roland Peugeot.

M Parayre described the way Japanese and American manufacturers were able to dominate the world market while the dispersed European industry, with little standardization of production and a lack of concentrated facilities, was relatively vulnerable.

"It has been apparent to us that a more global solution would be a far better concentration of financial, manufacturing and research resources, which we regard as necessary to strengthen our ultimate competitive position." The merger with Chrysler was a decisive step in that direction.

Chrysler UK's integration into a major European automobile group, he said, offered new opportunities for recovery and therefore expansion and prosperity for its employers and dealer network.

"Our intensions are clear: Chrysler UK will enjoy Peugeot's total support in its recovery. We consider that this undertaking is worth more than all the formal guarantees which can be written, provided everyone works together to make the most of our opportunities."

The three objectives of the organization were to ensure maximum decentralization of the company's current management with greater delegation of responsibility; to ensure the independence and personality of each manufacturer, with marques being retained and distribution networks and concessions being kept; and, probably most important in terms of changing policy, economies of scale would be made possible.

Paris: Lucas France has made compromise proposals in its seven-month-old bid to acquire the 51 per cent interest in French component maker Ducellier it does not already own.

The proposals involve splitting the Bendix share of Ducellier equally between Ferodo and Lucas.

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British union officials pleased by strength of backing to save jobs

Geneva stand may lead to fresh initiatives

A senior British union official remarked yesterday on the way back from Geneva that Wednesday's emergency meeting of the International Metalworkers' Federation was "one of the most, if not the most, constructive I have attended".

What impressed him was that a declaration instead of being a bland form of words had for the first time in such a case said that action "up to and including industrial action" would be taken to protect Chrysler jobs threatened by the planned takeover by Peugeot-Citroën.

The official, whose union has a substantial membership in the plant at Linwood, was speaking before he had a chance to examine the statements of M Jean-Paul Parayre, president of the French company, which apparently failed to provide the guarantees on jobs the federation is seeking.

The federation was formed in 1893 and now has 13.5 million members in 68 countries, including almost all the British unions with membership in the engineering industry. Herman Rebhan, the general secretary, cut his teeth as United Auto Workers' official and has headed the Swiss-based secretariat since 1974. He was recently appointed to the supervisory board of Ford in Germany as a union nominee.

Mr Rebhan points out that while the British may have been surprised and pleased by the strength of Wednesday's statement, the federation has brought powerful political, if not industrial, pressure to bear on multinational companies before.

He cites a motor strike which started in the Saab-Scania plant at Sao Paulo, Brazil, and the preservation of a Daf plant in Holland.

In the Brazil case the federation helped to raise wages and ensured "that for once no one was arrested for going on strike. In the other instance, Volvo was pressed into maintaining Dutch production after their takeover of Daf's operations.

The federation faces, beside the fact that the French unions think they have less to lose from a Peugeot-Chrysler deal than the British or Spanish unions, the further problem that its affiliates are considerably weaker in France and Spain than in Britain.

That is both because there has been strong resistance by motor manufacturers to the unions, and because the two communist-led unions, CGT in France and CCOO in Spain, do not belong to the federation.

Wednesday's declaration called not only on affiliates but also on all workers in Chrysler and Peugeot-Citroën "to answer any federation call for action".

If the declaration does affect the eventual future of Chrysler Europe, then it could be the first stage in a new brand of trade union response.

Donald Macintyre

Laing restructuring 'not designed to thwart nationalization plan'

By Ray Maughan

John Laing & Son has now spelt out how it intends to structure its construction and property interests and to float them independently.

The separation of the two will be achieved, given shareholders' approval at meetings on September 26, by a scheme of arrangement. Holders of each Laing ordinary share will receive one Construction ordinary share and one Properties ordinary share. The process will be repeated for holders of each Laing ordinary A share. A revaluation of property assets shows a rise in aggregate net worth of £52m to £134m.

Sir Maurice Laing, stressed yesterday that the proposals were not designed to thwart the Government's stated intention of nationalizing the building industry. Sir Maurice heads the Campaign Against Building Industry Nationalization, but he made it clear that the group had first contemplated restructuring two years ago and the nationalization issue, first raised i December, 1977, "was not a consideration that entered into our decision".

In place of the normal interim dividend, Laing intends to pay 2.985p gross and it is expected that Construction will pay a final of 2.239p while Properties will recommend 2.612p per share. The effect is to increase annual income by 67.3 per cent. Interim results will be published at the end of October at the same time as dealings start in the two new companies.

A cautious view is taken of the construction company's prospects this year and no forecast has been made. The properties arm, which will be 22 per cent geared and backed by assets of 156p per share, is expecting a £624,000 fall in net rental income this year to £3.65m after an estimated net revenue deficit of £1.11m from three unlet office developments.

Laing considers that its property investment portfolio and its standing as a developer have been obscured by its internationally known construction activities. "By separating these activities each can be more clearly seen as an individual business and valued accordingly", the company says.

Also, each arm has grown so much that the group's existing structure is shown to have certain disadvantages.

Laing provided no performance guarantees until 1972 when pressures from the domestic construction market forced the group to provide financial undertakings which, as more and more "jumbo" contracts were tendered, imposed a considerable burden on its property assets.

In its turn, construction activities have generated £11.6m for use in building up property assets since 1972 but separation will leave future cash flows within the construction company. This will be used to expand its existing activities and to enter new markets with a view to reducing Construction's dependence on traditional turnover sources. What Laing describes as its past "gentle diversification" into mechanical and heavy engineering, road transport, water treatment, plant hire and fabrication will be intensified.

Both classes of share reached 221p yesterday, after 233p, to show a 7p ordinary and an 8p A ordinary rise.

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Takeover of Lyons 'will benefit all'

By Our Financial Staff

Those who argue that "small is beautiful" must also recognize that there are some areas in which it is not possible to remain small and competitive, Mr Keith Showering, chairman of Allied Breweries, says in a letter to shareholders supporting his board's case in bidding for J. Lyons.

The letter is in addition to official documents which have no wbeen sent to Lyons' shareholders in connexion with the offer. Allied has also convened the extraordinary meeting at which shareholders will be asked to approve the board's action in making the bid for September 18.

Mr Showering firmly rejects idea that Allied wants to become a conglomerate, arguing that the acquisition of Lyons will take Allied into compatible activities—the marketing and distribution of mass-market branded consumer products of drin kand food.

His case that the takeover will bring advantages to everyone concerned "not least to the consumer" is presumably directed at Mr Roy Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, who will have to decide shortly whether the bid should be referred to the Monopolies Commission for investigation under th esize of assets criteria.

Funding for Rolls aero engine put at £250m

By Our Industrial Editor

Funds of around £250m will need to be found by the Government and the National Enterprise Board to assist the state-owned Rolls-Royce in providing the new 535 aero engine for the proposed Boeing 757 airliner.

The terms for assisting Rolls-Royce are far from settled, even though the NEB has provisionally approved initial development spending on the new engine, a smaller version of its successful RB 211 with 35,000lb of thrust.

Present thinking is that Rolls-Royce's financial structure will need a complete overhaul, tailored to its new five-year corporate plan covering the period to the end of 1983.

Support will probably take the form of direct research and development aid from the Government, handled by the NEB on an agency basis, with the NEB confining its own assistance to working capital and general loan and equity finance.

Rolls-Royce, it is felt, can be given a financial target reflecting the division of financial support. At the same time some form of levy on the eventual sales of engines may be built into the production phase of the launching aid arrangements, always threatened by the vagaries of escalating costs.

A negative cash flow of up to 12 years is one confidential estimate in preliminary figures on the 535 engine development.

Sir Leslie Murphy, chairman of the NEB, has been a principal figure in behind the scenes negotiations to persuade the Government that British Airways should buy the new Boeing airliner and help Rolls-Royce to secure big American orders.

Besides winning such orders as manufacturer of the lead engines, Rolls-Royce will gain additional business on spares (up to one and a half times the expenditure on original engines during their lifetimes).

The NEB is taking the view that Rolls-Royce now has to be nursed through some lean years to the profitable 1980s. It already has about £84m of loans and annual research and development spending has been exceeding £60m.

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Sir Kenneth Keith (left), Rolls-Royce chairman, and Mr Tex Bouillioun, of Boeing, last night with a model of the Boeing 757.

Trade fair barters 'not fair trade' for Germany

Tomorrow the Leipzig autumn trade fair begins. The event, which will attract some 300,000 visitors during next week, is traditionally a show case for East German industry, which will provide about three-quarters of the 6,000 exhibitors.

No less traditionally, companies from the Federal Republic of Germany and West Berlin will constitute the second largest national group at the fair.

However, despite this familiar pattern, it would be wrong to assume that all is well with trade between the two Germanies.

Many West German industrialists are becoming increasingly concerned at a growing reluctance on the part of the East Germans to pay cash for goods bought from the West.

Barter trading is as old as trade itself and has always played a role in dealings between East and West because of the lack of hard currency at the disposal of Eastern Block countries.

But this week Herr Paul Broicher, the manager of the Association of German Chambers of Industry and Commerce, went so far as to suggest that the practice is beginning to damage industry in West Germany.

His concern was not so much for the large industrial groups in West Germany, but for the small and medium-sized firms that supply 70 per cent of West German goods sold to the East.

Although statistics on barter trading are notoriously difficult to find, Herr Broicher's organization maintains that more than 50 per cent of West German goods delivered to the East are paid for in kind rather than cash compared with 30 per cent a few years ago.

The goods offered are frequently agricultural products, simple manufactures and components that have to be shunted on to other end users in the West, often causing losses to those companies forced to accept them.

Only Western manufacturers of highly specialized products can afford to reject barter trading, while large concerns that engage in the practice have a competitive advantage over smaller firms in that they can usually find in the East raw materials and components they need.

Thus when Volkswagen sold 10,000 Golf cars worth DM90m to East Germany at the end of last year on the understanding that it would buy goods of equivalent value, it was able to pick and choose from the products offered and slot them over a three-year period into overall purchases of more than DM11,000m a year.

But the fact that VW's home city of Wolfsburg will soon acquire a planetarium made in East Germany suggests that even Volkswagen was unable to avoid completely the often bizarre side-effects of compensatory deals.

Peter Norman
in Brussels

July reverse for American key indicators

Washington, Aug 31.—The United States index of leading economic indicators fell by a seasonally adjusted 0.7 per cent in July compared with a revised gain of 0.5 per cent in June, the Commerce Department stated today.

The June increase had originally been reported at 0.4 per cent, and the July decline is the first since the 1 per cent fall in January. Five of the 10 indicators now available for July contributed to the decline, three were unchanged and only two increased, the Department said.

The Department said companies reporting slower deliveries declined by 0.42 per cent after an increase of 0.07 per cent in June. Stock prices fell by 0.03 per cent after a 0.02 per cent gain in June, while building permits eased 0.41 per cent, cancelling June's advance.

Japanese exports are still rising, survey indicates

From Peter Hazelhurst
Tokyo, Aug 31

Contradicting official claims that the new high value of the yen will help to reduce Japan's huge trade surplus this year, a survey today indicates that exports are still rising while contracts for imports dropped by 23.3 per cent in July.

Releasing the details of a survey of the contracts of 13 major trading houses in Japan the Foreign Trade Council claimed that imports showed no sign of expanding rapidly in the near future. The council, a private organization, said import contracts concluded by the companies in July had declined by 23.3 per cent on last year's level to $2,717m (about £1,400m).

Much to the embarrassment of the Government the survey shows that contracts for imports in July dropped to the lowest level recorded since April, 1973.

At the same time today the Kyodo News Agency reported that Mr Toshio Komoto, the Minister for International Trade and Industry, might lift government controls which have so far restricted the volume of Japanese exports this year. The controls, known as "administrative guidance" in Japan, cover items such as cars, television sets and steel.

Mr Komoto said exports were running up high earnings in terms of dollars but currency exchange rates had lowered income in yen

GNP growth slows: Japan's gross national product rose 1.1 per cent in real terms in April-June compared with January-March, when it rose an upward revised 2.5 per cent from the previous quarter, the Economic Planning Agency said.

Societies upset at competition by National Savings

By Roger Beard

Raising the National Savings interest rates will cut the inflow of money into the building society movement. That is the view of building society chiefs, expressed yesterday to Treasury and other Government officials.

At the monthly meeting of the movement's Joint Advisory Council, held in London between society representatives and relevant Government departments, they expressed strong feelings on the matter. After the meeting, a Building Societies Association spokesman said: "The Government must realize that National Savings is regarded as a competitor with the building societies for the spare cash in people's pockets."

The societies believe the new higher National Savings interest rates will tempt savers away from the building societies, at a time when their net August receipts are expected to reach £200m.

Commenting last night on the societies' reaction, the Department of National Savings said: "There is no question that we raised our interest rates in order to compete with the building societies."

Share index falls below 500 in day of selling

By Alison Mitchell

Widespread falls in the stock market yesterday took the *FT* share index back down through the 500 mark for the first time since it breached this level four weeks ago.

End of account profit-taking combined with election uncertainties to bring out the sellers and over 1,000 of the 2,451 prices covered by the EPIC computer registered falls. By the close the index was down 4.5 at 498.5.

Many dealers still expect prices to rebound in the new account.

Gilts, particularly at the shorter end, were again unsettled by the rise in American interest rates.

In spite of yields of over 11 per cent, small selling trimmed up to half a point off stocks at one stage.

At the longer end, losses were contained at three eighths.

Airline names its price

Miami, Aug 31.—Mr L. B. Maytag, chairman of National Airlines, said that if negotiations with Pan American World Airways were successful the deal would be at $41 (about £21) a share.

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Vickers taken off Arab blacklist

Vickers, the engineering group, has been told that its name has now been removed from the trade blacklist operated by the Arab Boycott of Israel Office in Damascus.

It was first thought that Vickers, who gained export orders worth about £70m from more than 90 countries last year, was placed on the blacklist in 1972. This followed suggestions that it had accepted an order for submarines from Israel.

A company spokesman said Vickers had only been on the blacklist for two years: "As a result of certain trading by our shipbuilding interests." These, along with Vickers's airframe interests, have since been nationalized.

Dollar dips again as gold advances

The dollar edged slightly lower in thin and nervous trading throughout Europe yesterday. Sterling gained a quarter cent to $1.9435, with its effective exchange rate unchanged at 62.4 per cent of the 1971 level. Gold advanced by $1¼ to end the day at $208.125. The Deutsche mark made fractional gains to close at DM1.9875, up 15 points.

More banks raise prime rates

Other leading banks yesterday joined Chase Manhattan in raising their prime rates. The new level of prime rate established by Chase Manhattan and other leading banks is 9½ per cent, up a quarter per cent from its previous 9 per cent level and not 9¾ per cent as was incorrectly reported yesterday.

Base rate lowered

The Finance Houses Association base rate has been reduced by ½ per cent to 10 per cent. The rate is fixed at the beginning of each month according to a money market related formula and, unlike bank base rates, contains no element of discretion.

How the markets moved

The Times index: 218.57—1.8
The FT index: 498.5—4.5

Rises

Brentnall Beard	2p to 38p
Compton Webb	5p to 44p
Costain R.	6p to 232p
De Beers dfd.	7p to 423p
Electrocomps	8p to 585p
Laing J.	7p to 221p
Laing J. "A"	8p to 221p
Matthews W'son	5p to 200p

Falls

Alginate Ind	15p to 285p
Bath & P'land	5p to 70p
BPB Ind	8p to 240p
Brown J.	8p to 460p
Bryant Hldgs	4p to 46p
Decca "A"	15p to 455p
Hardy Furn	3p to 40p
Ibstock Johnson	12p to 182p
Jessel Toynbee	4p to 58p
Linfood Hldgs	8p to 152p
LASMO ops	10p to 345p
MY Dart	5p to 70p
Paterson Zoch	8p to 165p
Reckitt & Colmn	10p to 497p
Rowntree Mac	8p to 417p
Shell Trans	10p to 568p
Sun Alliance	10p to 555p
Union Discount	10p to 320p
Utd Scientific	12p to 365p
Wood & Sons	3p to 45p

Equities fell back.
Gilt-edged securities eased.
Dollar premium 90.25 per cent (effective rate 48.86 per cent).
Sterling gained a quarter-cent to $1.9435. The effective exchange rate index was at 62.4.

Gold gained $1.25 an ounce to $208.125.
SDR-$ was 1.27081 on Thursday, while SDR-£ was 0.654214.
Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1,461.2 (previous 1,458.0).

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.75	1.69
Austria Sch	29.25	27.25
Belgium Fr	65.00	61.50
Canada $	2.29	2.22
Denmark Kr	11.05	10.55
Finland Mkk	8.25	7.90
France Fr	8.74	8.34
Germany Dm	4.03	3.81
Greece Dr	71.50	67.50
Hongkong $	9.45	9.00
Italy Lr	1665.00	1580.00
Japan Yn	391.00	366.00
Netherlands Gld.	4.37	4.14
Norway Kr	10.51	10.06
Portugal Esc	89.00	84.00
S Africa Rd	1.97	1.84
Spain Pes	148.00	141.00
Sweden Kr	8.92	8.52
Switzerland Fr	3.37	3.15
US $	1.90	1.93
Yugoslavia Dnr	40.75	38.00

Rates for small denomination banknotes only as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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Profit after taxation	432	330
Earnings per share	16.1p	12.4p
Dividends per share—gross	5.6p	5.2p
—net	3.7p	3.4p

Points from the statement by the Chairman Mr. A. L. Britton

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Commission urges Government ban recommended pricing of beds

By Edward Townsend

Sharp criticism of the pricing practices of many United Kingdom bed manufacturers and retailers which, it is claimed, confuse and mislead shoppers, is contained in a Price Commission report published yesterday.

It urges Mr Roy Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, to prohibit all forms of manufacturers' recommended retail prices (RRPs) for beds and to cease the common practice of double pricing. This involves the shop quoting a recommended retail or other price which is compared with the actual selling price. The report says nearly half the beds sold in the United Kingdom are so priced.

While some manufacturers tried to fix realistic recommended prices, others deliberately set them artificially high so retailers could make spectacular discount claims.

Many RRPs had become so detached from actual selling prices that they were rarely if ever, charged and discounts of 40 to 50 per cent had become commonplace without the retailers' margin being reduced.

A survey made for the commission found that many people still trusted RRPs as a reliable and independent guide to value but, the report says, they are being misled into false comparisons.

Buyers needed to make direct comparisons of actual selling prices in different shops because of the large number of promotions and special offers and the wide range of mark-ups.

The trade could not be relied on to set RRPs fairly. "More important, we doubt whether it is right to seek to reinstate credibility in a system which encourages consumers to place reliance on benchmarks, many of which are set a purely arbitrary way."

The commission also criticizes "label engineering", the practice of manufacturers selling basically similar beds under different names

Better information about quality is seen as another pressing need.

Mr Hattersley is to consult manufacturers and retailers before taking action and is bound to be told that it is unfair to single out this industry. In this regard the commission recommends that action should involve other furniture items.

Armitage Shanks role as monopoly cleared

By Business News Staff

The monopoly enjoyed by Armitage Shanks, Britain's largest manufacturer of ceramic sanitaryware, has been found not to operate against the public interest.

This is one of the chief conclusions of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission's report on the industry, published yesterday. Mr John Fraser, Minister of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, said that as a result there were no grounds for action by Mr Roy Hattersley, the Secretary of State.

The commission has been investigating the supply and export of a wide range of products including washbasins, toilets, sinks and shower trays after a reference to it by the Office of Fair Trading at the end of 1975. The OFT was concerned that 90 per cent of output came from four manufacturers, with Armitage Shanks controlling 30-35 per cent of the market.

But the commission now says that the monopoly exists only in favour of Armitage Shanks.

It also found that the practice adopted by all manufacturers of determining the price of more profitable coloured ware by making a percentage addition to the price of white ware was not against the public interest.

Confidential rebates allowed by manufacturers, the commission said, did not have any significant distorting effects upon competition between the industry's customers, mainly builders' merchants.

£1,725 for redundant shipbuilders

By Peter Hill

British Shipbuilders claimed yesterday that average payments to workers qualifying for the special redundancy scheme would average £1,725, although the maximum payment available, according to age and length of service in the industry, will be £10,400.

The state group is circularizing its 83,000 employees with a detailed document explaining how the scheme will work. The special redundancy payments scheme will apply to those workers employed either by British Shipbuilders and Harland & Wolff, and certain of their subsidiaries who are made redundant or transferred to less well paid employment in the two-year period which commenced on vesting day (July 1) last year.

So far 2,300 workers have taken advantage of the scheme —including a number employed at the Swan Hunter yards on Tyneside—and others are expected to follow in considerable numbers as the industry's present order book is worked through.

The scheme is vital to the future of the industry if it is to cope with the problems of the world-wide crisis in shipbuilding.

The maximum payment of £10,400 would be made up of a sum of £7,400 under the special industry scheme, topped up with a further £3,000 under the state redundancy scheme.

Operation of the scheme has been under attack from opposition industry spokesmen.

According to the latest estimates the cost per 1,000 workers receiving benefit under the scheme will be £1.72m compared with earlier estimates of £900,000 per 1,000 redundancies.

Brewers reduced output 8 pc in July as wet summer cut beer consumption

Britain's cool, wet summer this year has been blamed for a sharp drop in beer consumption which forced breweries to cut output in July by almost 8 per cent.

Latest figures from the Brewers' Society show that beer production in July totalled 3,409,069 bulk barrels, a drop of 7.8 per cent on a year earlier and the lowest July output total since 1972. Total production in the first seven months was 23,220,557 bulk barrels, an increase of 2.2 per cent on the previous year.

A spokesman for the society said: "The July figure illustrates how sensitive the beer market is to the weather. "Retailers stocked up in June in anticipation of a good summer, but rain and gloomy weather put a brake on sales.

"August trading is likely to be better because sales in the holiday resorts should compensate for the performance elsewhere."

Catherwood call for tax on spending

Sir Frederick Catherwood, government-appointed chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, yesterday gave a warning that alternatives had to be found to Keynesian economic policies. These had come to the end of their useful life, he said. Sir Frederick added his weight to those seeking a switch from progressive taxation on income to progressive taxation on expenditure.

"If we are to reequip industry on anything like the scale which seems necessary, then the market sector needs the public sector off its back. It needs a sharp reduction in public sector borrowing and a resultant reduction in interest rates, so new investment is once more economic", he told a Nottingham University seminar on unemployment.

In brief

BASF poised for big expansion in UK

BASF, the West German multinational chemical group is negotiating to buy 800 acres of land at Killinghoime, south Humberside. If the deal goes through it would mark the first phase of a major expansion by the German chemical group in the United Kingdom.

The group's UK operations are presently on a relatively small scale with headquarters at Cheadle Hulme in Cheshire, and some small manufacturing operations near Ipswich.

The area has a high unemployment level, and if the BASF land acquisition goes through about 300 jobs will be created.

Energy consumption below 1977 level

Energy used in Britain during the first six months of this year at 178 million tonnes of coal equivalent was marginally less than in the same period last year. Coal consumption was down 5.7 per cent. Even after seasonal adjustments and corrections to take into account the mild weather at the beginning of the year, total consumption was 0.6 per cent lower, according to statistics published by the Department of Energy yesterday in its bulletin *Energy Trends*.

A department official referred to the deterrent effect of price rises, conservation and changes in the level and content of industrial production. The fall in demand for coal in the first six months was compensated for by increases in the use of petroleum and natural gas—up 2.7 and 4.8 per cent respectively.

Scottish assembly for Honeywell computers

Honeywell is to build its Level 6 range of minicomputers at its factory in Newhouse, Lanarkshire, which at present makes the large Level 66 mainframe machines. Announcing this yesterday, the company said that the £500,000 investment involved would help to maintain employment levels at the plant.

Recently announced was a £2m investment in Honeywell's control systems factories in the Newhouse area, which are run separately from the computer operation.

NVT signs Wankel engines pact

NVT Motorcycles has taken its interest in rotary-engined machines a stage further by signing a manufacturing and distribution agreement for Wankel motor cycle engines. The agreement is with Lonrho, through its West German subsidiary, Wankel GmbH.

Audi NSU Auto Union is also involved as joint holder with Wankel of patent and licensing rights.

In the United States, NVT is restricted to supplying the engines in completed motorcycles only.

Windscreen formula kept secret

By Clifford Webb

Security surrounding a new British car windscreen is so strict that at the factory opening yesterday only Mr James Callaghan, the Prime Minister, and two of his staff were allowed into the key area.

Hundreds of guests, including senior motor industry executives, were excluded from the final process at the Birmingham factory of Triplex, the Pilkington subsidiary which has just started volume production of the windscreen.

The Triplex Ten Twenty combines the best safety features of existing toughened and laminated windscreens. It is claimed to reduce the risk of serious facial cuts in an accident by 99 per cent.

It is already fitted to BL's new Rover car range, and the mark two version of the Princess. Other British and European carmakers are negotiating with Triplex.

Rival glass-makers in Europe, America and Japan have made approaches for permission to manufacture it under licence.

Opening an £11m factory extension at King's Norton, near Birmingham, yesterday, Mr Callaghan revealed that Britain was cashing in on an original idea by a foreigner.

"I understand", he said, "that Sir Alastair Pilkington (chairman of Pilkington) stole a march on his Continental competitors by grasping the potential of a German scientist's research on toughened glass which the Germans themselves did not realize."

Sir Alastair said the project stretched back 10 years and had so far cost £20m.

Business appointments

Mr A. H. Dibbs joins board of Muirhead

Mr A. H. A. Dibbs, deputy chairman of National Westminster Bank, has joined the board of Muirhead.

Mr James Keyden and Mr Douglas Hinckley join the board of Brown, Shipley as non-executive directors.

Mr C. R. Van Der Heijden has been made a director of Powell Duffryn Engineering.

Mr J. B. Davies and Mr P. F. Hook have become assistant managing directors of Bowmaker.

Mr W. J. F. Shaw has joined the board of South Crofty.

Mr David Pearson becomes commercial director of Production Steel Supplies and Mr Graham Rose is to join the board as sales director.

Mr David Stone has been made managing director of Doncasters Sheffield from September 11.

Mr Robin Smith has joined the board of S. Russell & Sons.

Mr Gary Bracken has become managing director of Willbros (Overseas) and vice-president of its parent, Williams International Group Inc. Mr H. A. Weller becomes engineering director of Willbros and Mr Paul Vodden has been made commercial director.

Mr A. J. Coombe, marketing director, has been made deputy managing director of Sturtevant Engineering.

Mr Joseph V. Vittoria becomes vice-president and general manager, Hertz Europe.

Mr C. G. N. Ryder has been made deputy chairman of China Navigation.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Employment protection law and shop-floor discipline

From Mr C. D. A. Wallis

Sir, Following the article by Mr Corina on industrial tribunals (August 30) I would like to make the point that the maintenance of industrial discipline on the shop floor rests with the shop foreman or supervisor, and not with higher management who may be more familiar with the law.

It does seem that the body of laws in the Employment Protection and other Acts are too many and too complicated to be understood and used at this level, bearing in mind that the foreman or supervisor has his daily technical and administrative work to attend to, as well as keeping an eye on the discipline in his work shop.

One of the tasks for industry should be to raise the morale and make really effective this vital section of industrial management, and encourage them to improve discipline and performance on the shop floor. But, the opposite will be the case if the industrial tribunals find in favour of the wrongdoer, as is instanced in your article, because the foreman has not followed, to the letter, some detail of procedure.

When the authority of the foreman falls, the shop floor look for another leader and this generally is the shop steward, who is not suited either by training or disposition to run the work shop.

C. D. A. WALLIS,
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From Mr Noel Finegan

Sir, Maurice Corina's excellent and balanced article "Unfair dismissals: sifting the facts from the fiction" (Part I, August 30) mentions the complexity of the employment legislation.

Even he, however, got one point wrong. Crown servants are expressly covered by the unfair dismissal provisions—paragraph 33 Schedule I Trade Union and Labour Relations Act 1974. Crown servants are excluded from the provisions of the Contracts of Employment Act 1972 and this may have caused Mr Corina's confusion.

When even an expert like Maurice Corina can get aspects of the employment legislation confused, it illustrates the difficulties faced by employers who are also attempting to run a business. This is why there is increasing need for the kind of Industrial Relations Advisory Service which BIM—as one organization among many—provides for its member companies to guide them through the complexities of the law and achieve firm but fair management.

The pitfalls are legion and without specialist industrial relations professionals on the staff and/or some outside advisory service, companies seem destined to fall foul of the law inadvertently and thus be involved in costly and time consuming tribunal hearings.

NOEL FINEGAN,
Industrial Relations Adviser,
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London WC2B 5PT.

Policy on the Arab boycott

From Mr Steven Myers

Sir, While agreeing with all you say in your leading article today, one must comment that it is indeed a sad reflection of Britain's diminished place in the world that it has to rely so heavily on doing business with what Terence Prittie and Walter Henry Nelson have called "a small group of countries all of them in varying degrees, economically, socially and educationally backward, fundamentally undemocratic, often downright feudal and demonstrably indifferent to internationally accepted standards of behaviour".

I can only express the hope that the incoming Government will have not only the strength to defend and cooperate with the only democracy in the Middle East, Israel, but the financial competence to make Britain less dependent on trading with blackmailers.

Yours sincerely,
STEVEN MYERS,
5 Wigmore Street,
London W1G 9LA.
August 31.

Cost of the EEC

From The Rt Hon Douglas Jay, Labour MP, Battersea North

Sir, In his article in your issue of August 11 Michael Hornsby says that "a case can be made that EEC membership represents a direct drain of nearly £1,000m on our balance of payments". Some of us have been pointing out for 15 years that this must happen, since the UK is the biggest food importer in Western Europe from outside the EEC; and that once within the EEC we should as a food importer be in a hopeless minority.

The above figure of course excludes the near £2,000m deficit in trade in manufactured goods which we are now running with the old EEC Six, with whom in 1970 our trade was about balanced.

Yours faithfully,
DOUGLAS JAY.
House of Commons, SW1.
August 12.

VAT problem

From Dr Alan Bailey

Sir, Is there any other 1970s legislation ("Customs guide to VAT", Mr A. J. Phelps's letter, August 29) which daily involves every person in the country, the interpretation of which needs a guide from the relevant government department with at least 700 notices (the 700th having more than 26 paragraphs) and which requires amending by regular newsletters, at least one of which is the subject of "discussion between two departments"?

Yours truly,
ALAN BAILEY,
94 Clapham Common,
North Side,
London, SW4.

Premium Bond prizes

From Mr J. R. Chester

Sir, I have been holding £500 Premium Bonds since 1960. Between 1960 and 1972 I drew eight prizes of £25 at average intervals of 18 months. Since 1972 I have drawn one prize of £25—after an interval of 5½ years.

Is this due to the institution of monster jackpots?

If so, as an early and unconsulted bond holder, am I wrong in feeling myself tricked through the alteration of the original conditions without my consent?

Yours faithfully,
J. R. CHESTER,
30 Ingham Road,
South Croydon.
August 30.

Ponding

From Mr R. W. B. Fraser

Sir, Mr E. Thompson (August 21) has me worried. When I was a young man, absorbing the wisdom of my elders, I was told that ponding should be encouraged on "flat" roofs as it reduces the number of days on which the top skin is exposed to the drying effect of wind and sun. This makes the top skin less susceptible to crazing and gives the roof a longer efficient life.

I have many reasons (not least of which is my own bathroom roof) for hoping that this theory is more than an old wives' tale.

RODERICK W. B. FRASER,
15 Westbourne Terrace,
London W2.
August 21.

Sales to Japan

From Mr Roland Brockhurst

Sir, Mr Andrew Watt's letter on the Japanese view of British products suggests increased public relations activity. I am sure that this would do a lot of good. My own experience has been that the Japanese think of us as a country dominated by industrial strife, and therefore unable to give thought to modern products.

Meanwhile we should greatly improve our image if every British businessman arriving in Japan arrived fully briefed on the market for his wares and fully understanding Japanese marketing methods. Also he needs at least a basic understanding of Japanese.

ROLAND BROCKHURST,
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- Agreement to develop large industrial site at Basingstoke

Results for the year ended 31st March, 1978

£000's	1978	1977	1976
Rents receivable	3,177	2,948	2,734
Net Property Income	2,771	2,569	2,265
Surplus	577	685	545
Dividend per share	2.09p	1.8755p	1.6855p
Share Capital and Reserves	16,267	13,815	11,483

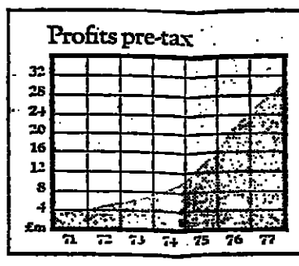
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	1978 half year £m	1977 half year £m	1977 full year £m
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Profits	17.9	13.4	29.0
Earnings	9.9	8.2	17.7

Profits pre-tax



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Sales	11,245	7,533
(including exports)	(1,866)	(900)
Profit before tax	1,043	646
Capital expenditure	699	399
Net assets per share	106.86p	78.70p
Net dividend per share	5.6788p	5.00p
Earnings per share	28.36p	21.63p

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Laing unlocks its property riches

Shareholders in John Laing now have to decide whether their prospective holding in two separate companies will be worth significantly more than their present interest in the combined group. The decision announced late in April to split up the construction and property interests on the grounds that their combined values were not being reflected in the share rating of the group as a whole has already had a marked impact. At 221p the ordinary have risen since then by 70 per cent and the "A" shares by even more, against rises of only just over 20 per cent for the construction and property sectors overall.

If the figures are to be taken at their face value there could be more relative strength yet to come. On the 1977 results construction earnings were 18p a share. The average p/e ratio for the sector is 8½, which would value Construction at 148p. The asset value of Properties, meanwhile, is 156p a share, and on the basis of the 20 per cent discount normal in the sector the shares would be worth 125p. Together, therefore, they would be worth 273p.

It is arguable, moreover, that rating each company only in line with its sector is unduly cautious. As a construction company Laing's 10-year compound growth in earnings per share of 36 per cent is unmatched, and its balance sheet will be healthily liquid with £12.4m of net cash out of shareholders' funds of £50m. The property company will be only 22 per cent geared on shareholders' funds and made healthy profits of £5.0m last year (although it will be lower this year). And Laing is sweetening the whole package with an increase of two-thirds in the dividend.

But it is doubtful, even so, whether the stock market wil ltake quite such a sanguine view. The removal of the property assets from the construction business will also remove a potential source of collateral and thus strength, although Laing insists the asset base of the construction company gives it all the margin it needs for bonding purposes and so on. Further, it is clear that the outlook for construction is far from rosy. Laing says it has seen some increase in inquiries at home, but so far it is very tentative and no significant orders have been won overseas since last year's accounts were published. The absence of half-year figures is bound to be unsettling.

Laing has some big contracts coming towards completion, leaving real question marks surrounding 1979, so, short term at least, the construction interests may have to settle for a more modest rating, and it is hard o see the combined share price seriously testing the 240p level. Further, now that Laing has shown the way to unlock values in the contracting industry, some of the speculative fervour could well transfer to companies such as Taylor Woodrow and Wimpey which share much of its potential. The industry is evidently taking the threat of nationalization seriously and the Laing device affords at least partial protection.

Ladbroke

Confident forecasting

Ladbroke's casino earnings were slightly down at the half year stage but the full year contribution should just about match last year's £13m, a prospect which fits in with Coral's projections. For the rest, Ladbroke's £31m profits forecast for this year is made up of an increase from £5m to nearly £8m in other forms of betting and from £5m to £10m in the rest.

For next year the forecast is for £25m from non-casino operations and for 12-13 per cent growth in casinos indicating a total of £39m plus. So Ladbroke is plunging confidently into a medium-term view in contrast to Coral, which is still in the process of assimilating Pontin's. Certainly Ladbroke's 26 per cent profits increase at the interim stage to £13.8m gives it a psychological edge after Coral's slight fall after six months.

Nevertheless, Ladbroke maintains its higher level of exposure in sectors which must be more risk-prone after the Royal Commission: Casinos will account for 42 per cent of profits this year falling to 38 per cent next compared with 33 per cent this year at Coral. But, while remaining confident that the death of the casino industry is not in sight, Ladbroke also takes the view that the current cash betting boom is part of a fundamental upturn in the market rather than merely a recovery from last year's low level.

Simultaneously, though, it is spending heavily on hotels and entertainments and the longer-term profits breakdown remains 50-50 between gambling and other leisure interests. All of which is fair enough except for the continuing shadow of intervention both in casinos and other forms of gambling like lotteries which should contribute £0.5m this year.

Though there has been some recovery from the immediate effects of the Royal Commission's report, it remains a major stumbling block to any significant backing



My Cyril Stein, chairman of Ladbroke Group.

for the shares over the next six months even though the fully-taxed prospective p/e ratio at 179p is not demanding at 6.4. Beyond that the yield of 5.8 per cent compares badly with Coral's 8.5 per cent at 105p and the new dividend rules are no help, so Ladbroke may well be considering another dividend boosting rights issue.

Linfood

After the merger with Wheatsheaf

Linfood Holdings' £700,000 fall in full year profits to £5.15m is accompanied by some disappointing news from its £34m acquisition, Wheatsheaf Distribution & Trading. Wheatsheaf's profits halved to £3m in the year to February and, from then to the acquisition date at the end of May it ran up losses because of start-up costs at the Bristol hypermarket and problems in the Spanish subsidiary.

Wheatsheaf is now back into profit and decks are now clear for looking at the new group with the takeover complications out of the way. Linfood's problems last year hinged on the price war. It began by following the pack in allowing margins to slip but has now adopted a more selective approach by exploiting the special non-price attractions of its small retailers and, once Wheatsheaf is in fully, this will be backed by a resurgence of the promotional spending which was the hallmark of the Spar and VG chains in the past.

The immediate problem is what International Stores, the BATS subsidiary, is going to do in two weeks' time as part of its new drive to exploit the dropping of Green Shield stamps. Industry sources suggest the stamps saving may be 2½ per cent on gross margins and it will actually cut prices by 2 per cent but it may yet go for deeper cuts in an attempt to capture market share. That may well spark off another price war after the last one had been effectively inactive for some months.

That would not help people like Linfood. The chances are, however, that the industry has had enough of such competition which leaves the new Linfood group on course for perhaps £7m profits this year. That indicates a fully-taxed p/e ratio of over 15 at 152p. A yield of 9.2 per cent provides support though last year's dividends are only just covered by prospective fully-taxed earnings. However, Guinness Peat Group's 25 per cent stake may continue to provide speculative interest, though a potential bidder would presumably think twice given Linfood's high gearing.

Arthur Reed

Has British Aerospace made the wrong decision?

After years of argument over whether Britain should look to the United States or to Europe for partners in a new generation of aerospace products, this country has emerged, as the result of decisions announced yesterday, facing both ways.

Rolls-Royce will supply the RB 211-535 engines for the American Boeing 757 airliner, which is to have as its launch customers British Airways and the big United States carrier Eastern. The airframe side of Britain's aircraft industry will collaborate with the French and the West Germans on a range of European airliners—but only if a number of serious diplomatic hurdles can be overcome.

Providing the European part of the package is not called off, it looks as if it is a good deal for Britain, but it could have been even better had British Aerospace emerged with a share in the airframe of the 180-seater 757.

Such a partnership was in fact offered by Boeing to British Aerospace, but was turned down. Boeing wanted British Aerospace to design, develop and manufacture the wings for their new airliner. These will be the only important part involving new technology, the fuselage drawing heavily on the bodies of the 727 and 737 airliners, both of which have been in service for some years.

British Aerospace, under its chairman, Lord Beswick, decided not to participate, because they felt that Boeing were trying to strike too hard a financial bargain, and also because they would, they thought, be in danger of being relegated to the role of sub contractors.

Against the background of the announcements yesterday that Boeing are to go ahead with the 757, that two important world airlines, British Airways and Eastern, are to buy an initial 40 between them, and that the Government are to invest £250m so that Rolls-Royce can develop the 211-535 to power it, British Aerospace may have occasion to rue their decision.

Boeing are without doubt the leading manufacturers of civil aircraft in the world, and they expect to do enormous business with the 757, on the backs of the 727 and 737, which between them have sold over 2,000, but which are now aging and need replacing. A chance for Britain to become partners in such a project may not occur again.

British Aerospace can now be seen to have hitched their wagon firmly to the star of the developing European aircraft industry, but the hoped-for deals with the leaders of that industry, the French and the West Germans, have not been struck and remain the subject of fierce debate.

M Joel Le Theule, the French Minister of Transport, arrived in London hurriedly this week the night before the Government announced their series of momentous decisions for the British aerospace industry.

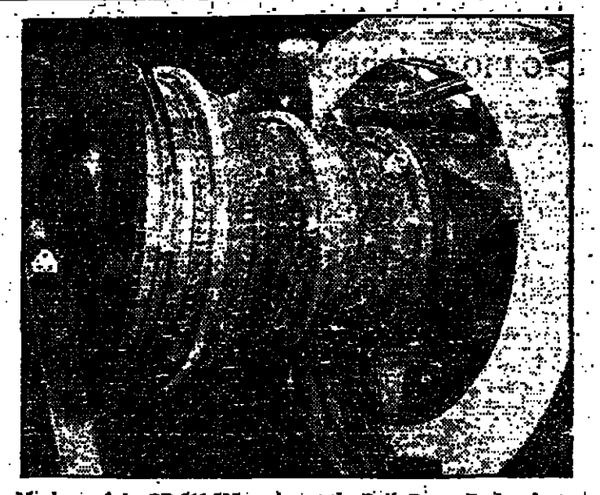
He was told that the Government wanted to join the airbus consortium from January 1, 1979, that they would take a 20 per cent interest in Airbus Industrie, and play a full part in the development and manufacture of the 200-seat B10 derivative of the 300-seat A300.

The French were last night reported to be insisting on British Airways buying the B10.

M Le Theule was left in no doubt when he met Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, this week, that there was no question of this country acceding to the French-German demand that, as a key part of the price of entry to the airbus project, British Airways should be told to buy the B10.

In the past, both BEA and BOAC were overruled in their decisions on new airliners by the Government, but the policy of the Callaghan administration is to allow British Airways to exercise their commercial judgment, and not to interfere.

In view of British Airways' decision to buy Boeing 757s, there was no room in their fleet for the B10. M Le Theule returned to Paris with some vague promises that the state airline would consider the B10 later on.



Mock-up of the RB 211-535 engine at the Rolls-Royce Derby plant: without this work Rolls's civil engine sector would have run down.

British Aerospace therefore awaits a new policy line from the French and the Germans before they know whether they have European partners. Assuming that the Europeans drop their demand over British Airways and invite Britain into their consortium, their "family" of airliners can have only very long-term success against the Americans.

But while the future for British Aerospace remains clouded at present, that for Rolls-Royce, under its chairman Sir Kenneth Keith, has suddenly opened up brightly.

Obtaining government permission and funding for the development of the 535 reduced—thrust version of the RB 211, and agreement with Boeing that it will be used as the launch engine on their 757, has assured the future of this vital company at least up to the turn of the century.

For although the basic RB 211 and its increased—thrust versions continue to sell reasonably well around the world, Sir Kenneth and his board saw some time ago that the real future lay in the development of a smaller power plant that could drive the new generation of 180 to 200-seat airliners which the airlines of the world will order in quantity to replace their Tridents, Boeing 707s, 727s and 737s, and McDonnell Douglass DC 8s.

Without the 535, Rolls' work in the big civil engine sector would have wound gradually down until they would have been subservient to their American competitors.

Rolls has been working on the development of a protorype 535 engine for some time against the day when it received permission from the Government for full development.

According to the company it is a clipped-fan derivative of the larger 211-22B, which develops 42,000lb of thrust, and will be certificated initially at 36,600lb of thrust. A larger version, developing 38,700lb of thrust will be certificated later for larger types of airliners than the 757, such as the Boeing 767 and 777.

It will have the same high-pressure section as the 211-22B, allied to a lower-diameter fan.

Rolls-Royce said yesterday that the "cropped-fan" approach produced a highly-efficient engine with less technical risk and development cost than a completely new design.

Mr Callaghan's personal role

Faced with the plums of the next generation airliner market Mr Callaghan and his ministers hoped to get British fingers in every pie. Yesterday's announcements left the Conservatives complaining they had reached too far and missed the biggest prize—that of co-production of an American recipe.

At the outset Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of State for Industry and other specialist ministers had clearly been most attracted by American possibilities. But for political reasons of European cooperation the Prime Minister, Dr Owen, the Foreign Secretary, and Lord Beswick, chairman of British Aerospace wanted the prospects of British involvement with the B10 Airbus exhaustively examined.

So too, did the trade unions involved, the Association of Scientific Technical and Managerial Staffs and the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers who perhaps feared a junior status with an American parent rather than the proferred partnership in Europe.

The Prime Minister took control by early summer, chairing the Cabinet committee of ministers wrestling with the decision.

Mr Callaghan went to some extraordinary, and commendable, lengths. He had many meetings with representatives of industry and unions, as might be expected. But, according to ministers, he also held several meetings with Conservative MPs; including Mr Geoffrey Pattie and Mr Norman Tebbitt, who are close to the conservative leadership.

His purpose was to keep the issue out of partisan politics—and he largely succeeded—until yesterday.

On his third visit to the United States in the summer Mr Callaghan also held meetings with the chairmen of Eastern Airlines, McDonnell Douglas and Boeing. He was criticized in some political quarters for not having had the most expert advisers in attendance for these meetings.

But, clearly, the Prime Minister believed the decision to be of such moment that he insisted upon involvement rather than the departmental delegation which is so often his style.

For him the furtherance of Rolls-Royce engines was the dominant factor; if British Aerospace partnership with Boeing could have been profitable it would have been sought, government sources say.

Whether profitability can be achieved with British partnership in the Airbus is the issue now raising most scepticism—for whoever forms the next government.

Fred Emery

Merger fever grips US airlines

Frank Vogl

Washington

Gambling on airline stocks is one of the biggest games on Wall Street these days. Speculation is widespread about the merger prospects of a number of companies.

Both Pan American World Airways and Texas International Airlines wish to acquire National Airlines; Western Airlines wants to merge with Continental Airlines; and merger talks between a number of regional airline companies in the United States are widely rumoured.

The shares of Miami-based National Airlines, the tenth largest domestic American carrier with revenues of $600m in the year to last June 30, have soared over the last two months from about $17 to over $37. The shares of Pan Am, which have been depressed for years by the company's long string of heavy losses also look a lot more buoyant.

Pan Am's decision last week to try to buy all the stock of National Airlines for nearly $300m illustrates the dramatic changes that have taken place over the last year in the fortunes and operating conditions of United States airlines and it poses problems for the American authorities.

A number of members of Congress, such as Senator Edward Kennedy, have been striving for years to reduce the burden of regulation that governs route and fare structures for domestic airlines and President Carter has put the full weight of his office behind plans to increase competition in the industry.

The most crucial decision the President took was to appoint Mr Alfred Kahn to head the United States Civil Aeronautics Board. Mr Kahn, an academic economist, whom some chairmen of airline companies call a "wild man", believes fervently in free competition. Only through much greater domestic and international competition, he argues, will the consumer get a fair deal.

He admits that deregulation could mean bankruptcy for a few inefficient airline companies.

The CAB has moved rapidly to allow airlines to cut fares and to enter new routes. Meanwhile, Congress is working hard on an airline deregulation Bill, which may reach the statute book within a couple of months. This legislation will make it even easier for airlines to set prices without CAB approval and move into more routes.

Mr Kahn's policies are firmly based on the laws of the jungle, where only the strongest survive. But in moving ahead with deregulation it would appear that he did not fully appreciate that airlines would seek mergers and that such marriages could well reduce the number of competitors to such an extent that new and powerful oligopolies could result, so undermining the main aim of deregulation which is to smash existing cartel arrangements.

The United States authorities have moved with speed to press their new domestic airline policies upon the rest of the world. They have taken Sir Freddie Laker to their bosom, given American Airlines, which formerly operated alone in the domestic market, some international routes and laid plans to enable charter airlines to compete internationally on the same basis as the scheduled carriers.

In formulating these new policies the Carter Administration has also embraced the "open skies" concept, which Mr William Seawell, the head of Pan Am, calls a "give-away" plan. This will allow foreign airlines far greater access to a large number of American cities and so make them more directly competitive with United States airlines.

If the CAB approves the Western-Continental merger, a flood of merger applications from United States carriers could develop. So far, the CAB has shown little enthusiasm for mergers, but a number of influential congressmen, at least, argue that anti-competitive arguments are harder to justify where international airlines are concerned than when purely domestic carriers are involved.

The CAB's decision on the Pan Am-National proposal will establish important precedents. According to some airline executives it will show whether or not Mr Kahn lives in an ivory tower.

Mr Seawell, the head of Pan Am, pointed out in a senate committee last week that Pan Am had to compete directly with a host of nationalized airlines, which benefited directly from traffic generated by government-controlled travel agents.

Pan Am's competitors, he said, received "direct financial aid, for capital investment as well as for operating subsidy. Air France and British Airways, with Concorde as a loss leader, are just the most prominent example".

Pan Am is now in a vice, with both sides being tightened. On the one side it is facing mounting international competition as a direct result of the Carter Administration's "open skies" policies. On the other, it is losing domestic customers to American rivals, who for the first time are being allowed to challenge Pan Am directly on international routes.

Pan Am has never been allowed to build up a domestic route structure like Trans World Airlines. It has recently been given a few domestic routes and it has applied for several more, but the costs of building a large domestic service are huge in terms of both equipment and staff.

The airline has suffered losses in nine of the last 10 years. It made just $45m last year and with the present boom in international travel it will make much more this year on revenues in excess of $2,000m. But it has debts of more than $1,000m and commitments to purchase new Lockheed Tristars and it faces large costs in its efforts to make itself still more efficient. A merger with a domestic airline is thus vitally important for its long-term survival.

Despite the record level of business this year the company admits that "in order to be profitable we must prune our service pattern once again. We are even now making a final evaluation and in early September will announce a series of suspensions".

Mr Seawell added that Pan Am had to find a way "to develop a major domestic traffic base which would place us on an equal footing with domestic and foreign carriers". Hence the proposed takeover of National.

If the CAB takes the view feared by some analysts that mergers between big airlines are anti-competitive, then some companies may find themselves in serious trouble should price competition increase and the growth rate of passenger travel start to fall. The airline that could then have the gravest problems could well be Pan Am.

Business Diary: Their unfinest hour? • Transkei Limited

Sir Henry Marking smote his old colleagues in the airline industry hip and thigh yesterday for their treatment of cheap flight travellers last month.

Sir Henry is chairman of the British Tourist Authority, the body that promotes Britain overseas as a tourist destination, and a former chairman of British Airways.

He told an aerospace conference in London yesterday that Civil Aviation Authority regulations covering cheap transatlantic flights had caused vast numbers of people to queue in London, Gatwick and Heathrow for days in "wretched conditions" and in the case of Sir Freddie Laker's Skytrain queue "in the open and in atrocious weather".

None the less, with a swipe as much at his former colleague, Ross Stainton, present head of British Airways, as much as the *enfant terrible* Sir Freddie, Sir Henry went on: "I condemn the airlines concerned for what I consider the callous indifference they showed. They could, and should, have done something to alleviate the hardships suffered by their would-be passengers.

"They did nothing. It did them no credit."



Strafing the "callous" airline chiefs: left to right, former British Airways chairman Sir Henry Marking, Laker Airways' Sir Freddie Laker and British Airways chairman Ross Stainton.

■ James Skinner has been asked to help sort out the economic problems of Transkei, the South African black homeland which has severed its diplomatic ties with Pretoria.

He has been appointed by the Cabinet of the Republic of Transkei as managing director of the republic's development corporation. The appointment follows a £270m loan to the republic by Arab financiers which should help overcome the budget deficit, now £57m.

Skinner is chairman of Laadmark International Hotels, which has interests in Africa, and he is a close friend of the former Tory MP turned Socialist—without a seat—Humphry Berkeley. Berkeley now acts as diplomatic adviser to Transkei.

A spokesman for the Transkei office in London stressed yesterday that Berkeley and Skinner were not working together professionally at the moment, although it appears that Skinner had Berkeley's support for the post.

Skinner, it was said, is "well qualified" for the job which he begins in October. Between 1965 and 1969 he was acting general manager and deputy general manager of the National Development Corporation of Tanzania.

An economist, Lord Roll, chairman of Warburg's, said at a conference in Austria yesterday, is somebody "who if you have forgotten your phone number will estimate it for you". Sir Eric said the definition was not his but that of the United States Ambassador here, Kingman Brewster.



British Safety Council's Faye Rothwell: safe and sound in Kuwait.

■ I had a word yesterday with Faye Rothwell, a senior manager with the British Safety Council, who set up the council's Diploma in Safety Management.

Her latest venture is a series of senior executive briefings in this country and in the EEC to help top managers to cut through the mass of information on safety.

Miss Rothwell told me that for three years running she has been out to Kuwait in connexion with safety courses in this country attended by members of the Kuwaiti Ministry of Electricity and Water.

She told me that although she thought it safer not to walk around at night there, the nearest she came to unsafety in Kuwait was eating unfamiliar bits of sheep at a feast in her honour.

■ A four-legged friend, as Roy Rogers used to croon, will never let you down.

This also appears to be the firm belief of the Bonn Finance Ministry which has given up over three pages of its weekly news bulletin to praise the work of the 1,228 dogs in the German customs service.

The article is more than just a "silly season" flight of fancy. It is a mine of information about the cunning canines on the payroll of the Bonn government.

With characteristic thoroughness, the Finance Ministry has told us why dogs are superior to humans at detecting certain types of smuggled goods. A dog's sense of smell is apparently 250 times more sensitive than that of a human being. The nose of an alsatian, the ministry reports, contains around 220 million smelling cells compared with five to seven million in a human being and the dog uses these to the best possible advantage by sniffing up to 300 times a minute.

Like their human counterparts in the German bureaucratic system, the dogs are given a thorough vocational training and have to pass exams to be assured of promotion.

But unlike some of their two-legged colleagues, they are capable of learning new skills—switching, for example, from sniffing out smuggled coffee in the 1950s to soft and hard drug shipments today.

Ford's Dagenham engine plant employs a gauze room clerk called Austin Morris: and he can't drive.

Ross Davies

A Year of Investment

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Group turnover up by nearly 22%, but trading margins reduced due to our decision to invest resources in longer-term Group publishing development and through rising costs. Higher non-trading income helped to increase profits before exceptional items. The land, factory and office premises of the Group's printing subsidiary were sold for £300,000. Costs arising from the closure of the printing operation there have been written off under exceptional and extraordinary items. Effect on future external sales sales and on Group profits will be negligible.

Summary of Group Results

Year to 30 June	1978 £000	1977 £000
External sales	9,202	7,562
Profit before exceptional and extraordinary items and before tax	940	924
Exceptional item	226	166
Profit before tax and extraordinary items	714	758
Tax	298	417
Extraordinary items	16	—
Profit attributable to shareholders	419	341
Dividends (maximum permitted)	159	142
Retained profit	251	199

The Directors are proposing a scrip issue of one 10% cumulative preference share of £1 each for every 8 ordinary shares of 25 pence each, for approval by shareholders at an Extraordinary General Meeting to be held immediately after the Annual General Meeting on 28 September 1978.

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Two more rights issues

Initial Services asks for £7.5m

Initial Services, the towel hire and overalls company, is raising more than £7.5m for expansion of its workwear business with a one-for-four rights issue at 74p and has forecast a 21 per cent dividend increase.

This offer, the first by the company since 1956, gives an 18 per cent discount on the overnight price of 90p and is to be taken up by British Electric Traction which holds about 40 per cent of the company. The balance, amounting to 6.3m ordinary shares, has been underwritten by Fielding, Newson-Smith. *After the announcement* the share price fell 1p to 89p.

The Treasury has given the group permission to pay a total dividend of 7.55p gross for the year ending *March* 31, 1979, which the board intends to recommend. This is a 21 per cent increase over last year's 6.23p total and gives a prospective ex-rights yield of 8.7 per cent.

The board has also decided to pay a higher proportion of the annual dividend with the interim, which will amount to 2.23p gross in January, 1979, compared with 1.5p gross last year.

Chairman, Mr Allan Carling, said yesterday: "The proceeds of the present issue will reduce indebtedness, provide extra *working capital and enable the* company to take advantage of opportunities for development."

He also stressed the group's dependence on borrowing in the *past few years to finance devel*opment and expansion. "These developments have been financed almost entirely by borrowing—the latest being the £2.5m for the purchase of Kex Industrial Services".

He pointed out that Initial was in a good position to take up business in industries where employees' overalls are provided because of the company's "garment manufacturing resources and ample processing experience and capacity."

Mr Carling cited the National Coal Board's decision to equip *its 250,000 mineworkers as* an example of the group's opportunities, and said he expected Initial to win a substantial share of the business.

Dorada holds dividend rise to 10 pc

Dorada Holdings, the car distributors and engineers, is to raise £850,000 with a one-for-three rights issue at 65p which will be used for expansion and takeovers.

But the board has decided to limit the total dividend increase for the current year to 10 per cent, making 7.59p gross, against 6.86p last year, although the rights issue would enable it to pay a higher increase. "Why increase dividends by more than 10 per *cent and risk being forced* to cut them back again?" Mr Tom Kenny, the chairman, said yesterday.

The rights issue gives an 18.75 *per cent discount on* the overnight price of 80p but after the announcement the price fell 2p to 78p.

Mr Kenny commented: "Initially the new money will reduce our borrowings but that is not the objective. The intention is to enlarge the group, not for the sake of enlargement, by embracing others to their and our advantage, or to open new outlets."

Dorada made an abortive £3m attempt to take over the British School of Motoring business earlier this year and hopes to expand into similar areas, using the new money.

Assoc Tooling cash surplus

Associated Tooling Industries, the precision engineering group, is thinking of several ways of using cash surplus to its needs, including "a substantial cash payment to members".

Mr Anthony Pratt, chairman, reports in his annual statement with the accounts for the year to February 28 that the group has sold the freehold premises known as The Old Silk Mill, Brook Street, Tring, for £180,000 cash.

Since the end of the financial year Associated has disposed of further assets with the result that the group now has "substantial cash resources and a materially improved liquidity position".

Just how large these resources are, is hardly indicated by the group balance sheet struck last February. In this there was only £694 in cash to set against nearly £149,000 in overdrafts.

It should presumably be possible, if the board has got to the stage of considering a repayment, to quantify roughly how big it will be. However, the money may also be used to make acquisitions.

NOTICE OF REDEMPTION

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8¼% Guaranteed Sinking Fund Debentures due October 1, 1979

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of the Fiscal Agency Agreement dated as of October 1, 1969 between Occidental Overseas Capital Corporation, Occidental Petroleum Corporation, Guarantor, and The Chase Manhattan Bank (National Association), Fiscal Agent, $2,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of the above-captioned Debentures will be redeemed for the sinking fund on October 1, 1978 at the redemption price of 100% of the principal amount thereof, together with accrued interest to October 1, 1978.

The numbers of the Debentures to be redeemed are as follows:

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442	1841	2960	4510	5423	6362	7281	8480	9283	10156	10835	11782	12957	13815	14613	15317	15923	16650	17565	18840
467	1855	2996	4512	5436	6363	7286	8481	9295	10159	10837	11859	12959	13816	14614	15325	15925	16652	17566	18843
470	1860	3021	4517	5444	6366	7296	8490	9308	10160	10843	11868	12969	13819	14627	15336	15933	16656	17573	18998
476	1878	3067	4519	5449	6371	7298	8493	9310	10166	10845	11870	12981	13825	14628	15349	15935	16663	17577	19001
484	1879	3074	4521	5450	6384	7302	8495	9315	10167	10851	11872	12996	13832	14632	15352	15942	16677	17581	19004
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508	1883	3092	4535	5485	6416	7407	8499	9335	10247	10878	12029	13016	13837	14657	15362	15951	16687	17619	19010
599	1892	3099	4561	5489	6421	7410	8532	9336	10251	10891	12045	13032	13839	14661	15363	15982	16688	17620	19011
631	1896	3104	4609	5496	6429	7427	8533	9343	10255	10899	12055	13035	13850	14674	15366	15986	16700	17629	19012
649	1919	3110	4642	5511	6532	7453	8544	9347	10257	10911	12056	13040	13854	14680	15369	15996	16707	17637	19022
651	1928	3130	4705	5513	6535	7460	8555	9352	10267	10916	12078	13041	13862	14689	15370	16001	16720	17641	19025
654	1949	3133	4727	5514	6536	7466	8558	9361	10270	10918	12107	13049	13865	14690	15383	16014	16726	17645	19042
663	1960	3139	4731	5519	6538	7477	8567	9366	10274	10923	12114	13055	13874	14705	15388	16018	16733	17648	19047
668	1965	3187	4734	5527	6539	7482	8569	9376	10277	10937	12115	13067	13885	14721	15401	16019	16735	17651	19052
669	1984	3195	4736	5528	6542	7534	8573	9383	10280	10944	12124	13072	13887	14725	15404	16020	16737	17658	19055
686	1988	3202	4737	5531	6546	7536	8574	9398	10282	10952	12148	13079	13894	14729	15411	16023	16746	17665	19062
694	2004	3242	4742	5532	6551	7570	8575	9402	10285	10963	12172	13080	13901	14730	15420	16024	16756	17681	19067
699	2006	3287	4749	5582	6553	7572	8577	9418	10289	10993	12178	13081	13907	14735	15433	16027	16759	17685	19070
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732	2012	3302	4763	5594	6581	7654	8646	9441	10305	11016	12209	13086	13920	14744	15440	16037	16770	17703	19077
735	2014	3311	4764	5599	6598	7664	8677	9444	10309	11018	12240	13091	13926	14755	15442	16052	16771	17716	19084
740	2017	3314	4768	5620	6608	7672	8678	9452	10341	11052	12241	13095	13931	14756	15447	16059	16773	17728	19091
745	2023	3368	4781	5631	6614	7675	8680	9471	10373	11065	12244	13096	13932	14757	15449	16066	16787	17731	19092
826	2024	3475	4793	5682	6634	7676	8681	9473	10383	11070	12311	13097	13947	14758	15454	16069	16792	17734	19093
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1324	2468	4087	5108	6090	6922	7999	8972	9857	10682	11457	12642	13383	14263	14973	15626	16383	17151	18194	19373
1347	2524	4099	5125	6108	6931	8003	8973	9862	10664	11460	12644	13388	14264	14987	15627	16388	17153	18195	19377
1352	2525	4091	5131	6139	6936	8005	8974	9865	10665	11469	12647	13394	14277	15020	15642	16396	17160	18196	19408
1362	2541	4093	5135	6142	6949	8009	8982	9867	10667	11471	12654	13399	14382	15023	15645	16425	17168	18220	19423
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1389	2558	4146	5152	6156	6979	8026	9004	9873	10684	11476	12673	13405	14405	15046	15651	16461	17178	18225	19445
1414	2589	4154	5161	6178	6980	8040	9014	9878	10688	11478	12693	13409	14408	15068	15656	16462	17189	18255	19475
1426	2590	4190	5180	6183	6983	8083	9015	9879	10692	11509	12703	13427	14416	15073	15668	16463	17257	18204	19519
1447	2593	4198	5182	6188	6984	8087	9019	9903	10698	11538	12710	13430	14419	15077	15673	16471	17270	18317	19520

On October 1, 1978, there will become due and payable on the Debentures to be redeemed the principal amount thereof together with accrued interest to October 1, 1978. On and after October 1, 1978, interest on the Debentures to be redeemed shall cease to accrue.

Payment of Debentures to be redeemed will be made in such coin or currency of the United States of America as at the time of payment shall be legal tender for the payment therein of public and private debts. Payment of Debentures redeemed at the hereinafter listed offices of Paying Agents outside of the United States of America shall be by a United States dollar check drawn on a bank in New York City or by a transfer to a United States dollar account maintained by the payee with a bank in New York City.

Payment of Debentures to be redeemed *will be* made on or after *October 1, 1978* upon presentation and surrender of said Debentures, with all coupons appertaining thereto maturing after October 1, 1978, at any one of the following Paying Agents:

The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A.
Corporate Bond Redemptions
1 New York Plaza—14th floor
New York, New York 10015

The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A.
Woolgate House, Coleman Street
London, E.C. 2, England

Hambros Bank Limited
41 Bishopsgate
London, England

Banque Internationale à Luxembourg S.A.
2 Boulevard Royal
Luxembourg, Luxembourg

Banca Commerciale Italiana S.p.A.
Sede di Milano
6 Piazza della Scala
Milan, Italy

The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A.
41 Rue Cambon
Paris, France

Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas
3 Rue d'Antin
Paris, France

Algemene Bank Nederland N.V.
Amsterdam, Netherlands

Banque de Bruxelles S.A.
2 Rue de la Regence
Brussels, Belgium

Commerzbank Aktiengesellschaft
Dusseldorf, Germany

The Chase Manhattan Bank, N.A.
Taunus Anlage 11
Frankfurt/Main, Germany

Dresdner Bank Aktiengesellschaft
7 Gallus Anlage
Frankfurt/Main, Germany

Coupons which shall mature on, or shall have matured prior to, said redemption date should be detached and surrendered for payment in the usual manner.

Occidental Overseas Capital Corporation
By The Chase Manhattan Bank (National Association), Fiscal Agent

Dated: September 1, 1978

Stock markets

Equities fall below 500 level

Back down through the 500 level went the *FT* Ordinary share index yesterday as jobbers and traders alike *attempted to square their* books before the end of the holiday account.

Profit-taking in the first half hour of trading drove the index back down through the level it broached four weeks ago and throughout the session jobbers played a "cat and mouse" game with prices to avoid being caught with too little or too much stock on their books today.

By the close the index had come off the bottom slightly to end 4.5 down at 498.5 taking the fall on the week to almost *20 points.*

Although only 5,065 bargains were marked during the official session, dealers reported some reasonable trade in selective areas and there is still talk of a rally early in the new account. However, the continued election uncertainty and the threat of a complete shutdown at Leyland put a dampner on spirits.

A couple of persistent buyers of First National Finance, 1992-97, loan stock have sent the price surging ahead to £32½. Additional interest has been shown in the options market on hopes of imminent repayment of the arrears of interest. However, Mr Lewis Dyer, managing director of this HP group which is still in the Bank of England "lifeboat", denied that any such capital organization is in the offing.

In gilts, the climbing American interest rates knocked half a point off shorts at one stage though some bear covering and small investment buying lifted stocks off the bottom, containing losses to around three eighths.

In quiet trading at the longer end, gilts closed up to a quarter lower on the day.

Leaders were generally lower on the day with ICI at 394p, BAT at 320p Beecham at 703p and Boots at 224p losing up to 5p. Unilever shed 6p *to* 562p on fears of a bid for S. & W. Berisford, 4p down at 163p after *profit taking on a take over* denial.

In dull engineers GKN slipped 3p to 218p and Babcock eased 2p to 138p, while John Brown fell 8p to 460p on no signs of a bid from Hawker, unchanged at 234p. Weir Group, further up-set by recent figures, lost 2p to 124p while comment on BOC International's third *quarter profits trimmed 1½p* off shares at 67½p.

A £7.5m rights issue from Initial Services clipped a penny off the equity at 89p while BET with a 40 per cent stake in the group, shed 4p to 105p. Dorada, also asking shareholders for money, eased 1p to 79p despite encouraging half time figures.

A bumper interim profits *package from Ladbroke failed* to support the shares, a penny off at 179p, while trading news took a similar amount off Sobranie at 25p. A profits crash at Scottish Agricultural lopped 13p off the shares at 207p while Church shed 6p to 185p. Among those reporting to gain ground were Crouch Group, a penny better at 69p and Mills & Allen which added 3p to 173p. Late news from Linfood, where figures were unexpectedly poor, *left the shares 8p weaker at* 152p.

Electrocomponents proved to be a bright spot climbing 8p to 588p on an encouraging annual report and a 100 per cent scrip *plan but elsewhere the report* and accounts took a few pence from Alginate at 285p, Marshalls (Halifax) at 134p and Appleward at 94p.

The late announcement of the scheme of arrangement for hiving off the property side at John Laing added 8p to the 'A' shares and 7p to the ordinary, both at 221p while the formal document for J. Lyons, 2p lower at 132p, left Allied Breweries unmoved at 83½p.

Good figures at Mixconcrete added 3p to the shares at 75p while in insurance brokers Matthews *Wrightson firmed* 5p to 200p on a satisfactory half-timer. In composites Pearl continued to lose ground, easing 6p to 248p after figures on Wednesday while reporting next week Guardian Royal shed 2p to 230p and Sun Alliance dipped 10p to 555p.

Oils weer mixed with Shell at 568p losing 10p and BP 880p easing 6p. Continued s port of Siebens added 10p the shares at 392p while B mah firmed a penny to 81p further consideration of Australian sale and KCA Int national firmed 1p to 30 trading news.

Speculation that Renwick, t motor and fuel distributor travel agents, is about to broken up has taken the sha to a year's "high" of 49p. H ever, with total debt runn well above shareholders' fun the preference holders look li doing much better out of a such deal than the ordina holders. Last night chairm Mr Clifford Wilton denied t rumours saying that the gro has had no "formal" offer.

Equity turnover on Aug 30 was £64.093m (13,012 b gains). Active stocks yesterda according to Exhange Te graph, were ICI, GEC, Sh BP, Beecham, Bowater, BO Int, Boots, Grand Metropolita Racal, *Utd Scientific*, Ibstoc J. Furness W., Siebens Oi Electrocomponents, J. Brown SW Berisford.

Latest results

Company Int or Fin	Sales £m	Profits £m	Earnings per share	Div pence	Pay date	Year's total
BBA Grp (I)	60.2(52.5)	3.7(3.1)	—(—)	0.67(0.79)	8/1/79	—(—)
Boustead (I)	14.2(12.2)	0.92(0.86)	2.67(1.46)	0.7(0.7)	—	—(—)
Bridgewater Ests (I)	—(—)	0.47(0.39)	8.97(8.52)	4.5(4.5)	13/10	—(—)
Church & Co (I)	11.1(9.2)	0.83(0.95)	—(—)	1.0(0.7)	20/10	—(—)
Deborah Services (F)	9.0(6.7)	1.0(0.74)	16.1(12.4)	2.41(2.28)	—	3.7(3.4)
KCA Int (I)	9.5(10.4)	1.4(0.63)	3.1(1.0)	0.1(0.1)	—	—(—)
Ladbroke Grp (I)	221.3(170.6)	13.8(10.9)	16.1(14.7)	3.8(3.0)	31.10	—(—)
Linfood Hdgs (F)	327.4(293.8d)	—(—)	24.8(28.0)	6.3(5.99)	9/10	9.38(8.99)
Lawrie Plantation (I)	a—(—)	—(—)	—(—)	15.0(—)	29/9	—(—)
Matthws Wrghtsn (I)	33.1(30.0)	4.7(3.3)	—(—)	3.59(3.21)	10/11	—(—)
Mills & Allen (F)	26.9(22.4)	4.9(2.6)	27.3(13.5)	5.0(Nil)	—	5.0(Nil)
Mim Hldgs (F)	c376.7(384.0)	61.8(76.5)	13.7(15.3)	6.0(6.0)	—	9.0(9.0)
Mixconcrete (I)	13.5(11.5)	0.26(0.15)	—(—)	1.4(1.2)	23/10	—(—)
Scottish Agri (I)	35.6(34.2)	1.1(2.0)	—(—)	5.0(5.0)	6/11	—(—)
Sobranie Hldgs (F)	8.8(8.6)	0.06(0.11)	1.37(1.57)	1.1(1.0)	17/10	1.7(1.6)
J. Small-Tidmas (I)	1.9(1.7)	0.12(0.01b)	5.11(Nil)	1.1(1.0)	12.10	—(—)
Stoddard Hldgs (F)	21.0(19.4)	0.70(1.0)	4.4(6.2)	0.80(0.79)	15/11	1.33(1.31)

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.49. Profits are shown pre-tax and earnings are net. a=Special interim. b=Loss. c=Aust dollars and cents. d=53 weeks.

Strong W German contribution hoists BBA

The importance of West Germany to BBA Group (friction materials and industrial textiles) is brought home by the figures for the half year to *June* 30.

A year ago, West German recession had brought BBA almost to a halt, but in the latest six months total turnover rose by 14.6 per cent to £60.2m while pre-tax profits advanced by 18.9 per cent to £3.7m. Profits after tax attributable to shareholders went ahead nearly as fast, by 16 per cent to £2.34m.

The directors report: "Sales continued to grow at home and overseas. Automotive activities produced 73 per cent of group sales and 81 per cent of group profits. The profit increase is largely attributable to an improvement in Germany."

The interim report shows that United Kingdom pre-tax profits *all* but stood still at £2.15m, but those made abroad shot up by nearly 60 per cent to £1.56m. From these profits of £3.7m the group has conservativly provided for tax at £1.35m.

Shipping problem still with Wrightson

By Peter Wainwright

It is a case of so far so good at Matthews Wrightson Holdings, sizable in shipbroking, Lloyd's underwriting and air broking, besides insurance *broking.*

The judgment must be tentative because the group has not settled its Norwegian problem, which at worst could involve it in a liability of £4.4m a year. A group of six shipowners is having difficulty in keeping up with charter payments due to a group subsidiary.

With the bulletin for the half-year to June 30, Mr Gordon Henry, chairman, reports that talks with the shipowners about the three tankers chartered by them from Galbraith Wrightson "are progressing". Sub-charter payments continue to be received and "full provision has been made . . . for all losses accruing for the period to Galbraith Wrightson under these arrangements".

This is encouraging, and the interim dividend has been raised by a tenth to 5.37p gross. The payment absorbs £594,000 from *attributable profits of* £2.28m.

Profits for the half year were good. Those, before tax, rose from £3.38m to £4.77m against market hopes of around £4.4m, and the absence of anything but



Mr E. J. G. Henry, managing director of Matthews Wrightson.

a small provision for bad debts against the previous half-year's increase of £600,000 took only some of the credit.

The main drag on profits this year is the weakness of the United States *dollar*, and outside hopes of annual profits of around £11m against £8.4m look too high. Meanwhile, the shares rose 5p to 200p yesterday where the yield is an historic 7 per cent.

KCA more than doubles in first half

KCA International, the oil servicing and contracting group, fulfilled the profit improvement forecast by its chairman earlier this year by more than doubling its pre-tax *profits to £1.4m in the six* months to June 30, 1978, compared with the previous first half.

The increase was on reduced *turnover of £9.5m from £10.4m*, which followed the disposal of the group's Algerian operations. These had produced debts of $3.8m.

*But in despite of the profit in*crease, the interim dividend remains the same as last year at 0.14p gross and Mr Bristol yesterday refused to make any predictions about the total dividend. But he said he was very hopeful the group's progress would continue in the second half and into 1979.

"These results show a continuing improvement in the fortunes of your company and the indications are that this situation will continue throughout the remainder of the year", he told shareholders.

Back to dividends at M & A

A strong surge in profits and a return to the dividend list is reported by Mills & Allen International, the outdoor advertising and *foreign-exchange* broker, formerly known as J. H. Vavasseur.

Figures for the full year to June 30, show pre-tax profits *leaping ahead by* 89 *per cent to* £4.97m on turnover up by 20 per cent to £26.9m. A first and final dividend of 7.45p gross has been recommended.

With the cyclical nature of the advertising business, the group is reluctant to make any predictions for the current year, but its confidence is shown with a forecast first interim payment of 3.72p for the current year.

The results were up to most market expectations. The *shares rose* by 2p to 175p, putting them on a p/e ratio of 4.69 and a yield of 4.25.

Most of the improvement, resulting in a 35 per cent increase in trading profits to £5.96m, has been the result of strong rise in the group's outdoor advertising business, coupled with a marked reduction in interest charges from £1.6m to £721,000.

A further strengthening of the group's balance sheet has also been made with a reduction in indebtedness from £9.4m to £4.9m.

Briefly

JOHN C. SMALL AND TIDMAS
Turnover for half-year to June 30 was £1.9m (£1.7m). Pre-tax profit; £127,300 (loss £17,200). Earnings per share, 5.11p (nil). Interim dividend 1.63p gross (1.49p gross).

SOBRANIE (HOLDINGS)
Turnover for year to February 28 was £8.8m (£8.6m). Pre-tax profit, £64,000 (£116,700). Earnings per share, *1.37p (1.57p)*. Final dividend, 1.63p gross (1.49p gross), making 2.52p gross (2.47p gross).

CHURCH & CO
Turnover for half-year to June 30, £11.12m (£9.28m). Pre-tax profit, £837,000 (£939,000).

STODDARD HOLDINGS
Stoddard Holdings (carpet manufacturers) reports turnover for year to May 31 up from £19.44m to £21.05m, but pre-tax profits down from £1.07m to £708,000. Earnings per share down from 6.2p to 4.4p, but total gross dividend held at 1.98p.

DEBORAH SERVICES
Turnover for year to March 31 was £9.0m (£6.7m). Pre-tax profit, £1.0m (£746,000). Earnings per share 16.1p (12.4p). Final dividend, 3.7p gross (3.4p gross), making 5.6p gross (5.2p gross).

SANGERS GROUP
Wholly-owned subsidiary, Sangers Optics, has acquired a retail optical business in Lancashire for £357,500.

APPLEYARD GROUP
Appleyard Group has sold its subsidiary, Appleyard (G. and R.) to Dias & Co. Pending determination of total price, £670,000 has been received. Since January 1, Appleyard has received £265,000 by way of dividend from G. and R.

HOGG ROBINSON
Hogg Robinson has acquired *Collins Halden, a private company* of insurance brokers in Edinburgh for 100,000 ordinary shares and £231,000 cash.

W. G. FRITH
Increased offers by Frith Folls for W. G. Frith will remain open until further notice. Frith Folls holds 96.1 per cent of W. G. Frith.

BOUSTEAD
Turnover for half-year to June 30 was £14.2m (£12.2m). Pre-tax profit £920,000 (£826,000). Proceeds from sale of Windsor Estate applied largely to taking up company's rights entitlement in *Boustead Company, Singapore.*

MIM HOLDINGS
Brisbane.—MIM Holdings attributed the fall in its after tax operating profit to $39.26m from $43.69m in the year to June 30 to significant declines in copper and zinc prices.

WOODHOUSE AND RIXSON
Company has acquired Wicker Wire Products of Sheffield for £175,000 cash and deferred consideration equivalent to 2½ times amount by which average of pre-tax profits of Wicker for three years ending December 31, 1981, exceeds £55,000.

Tridant printers' quote suspended

Shares of Trident Group Printers were temporarily suspended at 77p yesterday at the request of the company pending the announcement that talks were taking place which could lead to an offer being made which would have the recommendation of the independent directors of Trident.

Earlier this week Starwest Investment Holdings, which is controlled by Mr Remo Dipré, chairman of Trident, increased its offer for Trident from 63p to 80p a share.

A further announcement will be made early next week.

No interim from Mitsubishi Industries

Tokyo.—Mitsubishi Heavy Industries is not to pay an interim dividend for the first half-year, ending September 30, because of a setback in its shipbuilding division. It paid *an interim dividend of three yen* in the previous year. Mitsubishi's profit, before tax and special items, will fall to almost nil for the first half-year with profits from its non-shipbuilding division barely offsetting a loss in the shipbuilding sector.

SAI falls at half-time

In spite of sales of Scottish Agricultural Industries rising from £34.2m to £35.6m, pre-tax profits dropped from £2m to £1.1m. SAI, which is a subsidiary of Imperial Chemical Industries, explains that the adverse market conditions, which affected the animal feed business in the second half of 1977, persisted and that fertilizer sales volume was lower, mainly in exports. However, some of this shortfall should be offset in the second half.

Lafarge 'rights'

Paris.—Lafarge SA is to increase its capital through a rights issue, but its announcement in the *Official Journal* gave no other details. On Wednesday, Saint-Gobain announced a *588m francs rights issue.*

A company spokesman said the board will set the details on September 19 and, meanwhile, conversion rights on a 6 per cent bond issued in 1972 will be suspended between September 16 and December 15.—Reuter.

Crouch Group

An increase in the demand for new homes has resulted in an increase in profits at the reorganized Crouch Group. Pre-*tax profits for the year to March* 31, show an increase of 10 per cent to £449,000 achieved on turnover up from £9.6m to £10.48m.

A final dividend of 3.1p gross has been proposed, making 8.5p against 4.12p. A professional revaluation of the group's investment portfolio shows a surplus of £778,000 over book value. Crouch has three office development *schemes under* way, one of which should be completed this year.

Windfall for Malton Trust shareholders

An unexpected windfall is coming the way of shareholders in Malton Investment Trust which decided to go into voluntary liquidation at the end of last year. Thanks to a lower-than-expected corporation tax charge, the liquidator is now making a final payment to shareholders of 24.77p a share. *This compares with an estimate* of between 1p and 7p made in March at the time of the second payment to shareholders.

Mixconcrete soars

An increased demand for ready-mixed concrete, combined with the benefits of more stable trading conditions in the concrete pipes division, pushed Mixconcrete (Holdings) pre-tax *profits* to £626,000, from £150,000, for the half-year to May 31.

An interim dividend of 2.12p gross, compared with 1.93p, has been declared.

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Briefly

Redland's ambitions in US

Redland's search for acquisitions in the lucrative United States market are to continue following its recent acquisition of Automated Building Components of Miami for $27m, said Mr Colin Corness, chairman, in his annual statement.

Several other United States businesses within the construction industry are being studied in the hope that the group can put together "a group of activities capable of making a significant contribution to future earnings".

Overall, the current year shows increasing promise as it develops, he added, particularly in the United Kingdom and Europe following an adverse winter. The worthwhile advances already achieved should be maintained.

TOKYO SANYO ELECTRIC
Group is proposing rights issue of 20m shares which it says will be made at a discount on market price—currently 330 yen ($1.74). Group is currently capitalized at $433.8m.

GIBBS AND DANDY
Turnover £5m (£4.2m) for half year to June 30. Profit, before tax, £175,000 (£132,000).

NELSON DAVIS
Turnover year to March 31, £7.5m (£7.5m). Trading profit, £134,000 (£205,500). Net profit, £17,000 (loss £9,000). No div (same). Earnings per share, 0.52p (0.45p).

H. BRAMMER
Group turnover for half-year to June 30 up from £13.34m to £15.83m and pre-tax profits from £2m to £2.53m. One-for-two scrip issue proposed.

ARNOTT & CO. DUBLIN
Turnover for half-year to July 8, £13.61m (£11.71m). Pre-tax profits, £722,000 (£608,000).

Options

Patchy trading on the traded options pitch pushed ICI to the head of the active stocks list yesterday where it accounted for 193 of the 394 contracts traded.

Elsewhere Consolidated Gold Fields and Commercial Union were untraded.

Recent Issues

	Closing Price
Audiotronic 12% Cum Pfd (10)	14½
Bramall C.D.25p Ord (75)	93
Camden 12½% Red 1985 (£100d)	£50¾
Cartiers Superfoods 20p Ord (85)	75-2
E. Anglia Wtr 7% Pf 1983 (£37½)	£38¾
Edinburgh Var 1983 (£100)	£99⅞
Kiech 12% 1999-02 (£96g)	£34¾
Hunting Petroleum Serv 25p Ord (85)	96
Jones (Ernest) 10p Ord (115)	143-2
Robinson Bros 11% Pf (109)	109
Thames Plywood 25p Ord (34)	35+1
W Kent Wtr 12¼% Db 1986 (£98¼)	£25¾

RIGHTS ISSUES	Latest date of renun	
Aaronson Bros (66)	..	4½ prem-½
Lex Services (77)	Oct 27	3½ prem

Issue price in parentheses. * Ex dividend. † Issued by tender. ‡ Nil paid. a £10 paid. b £30 paid. c £15 paid. d £50 paid. e £25 paid. f Fully paid. g £25 paid.

Bank Base Rates

ABN Bank	10%
Barclays Bank	10%
BCCI Bank	10%
Consolidated Crdts	10%
C. Hoare & Co	*10%
Lloyds Bank	10%
London Mercantile	10%
Midland Bank	10%
Nat Westminster	10%
Rossminster	10%
TSB	10%
Williams and Glyn's	10%

*7 day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under 6¼%, up to £25,000, 7¼%, over £25,000 8¼%.

The Over-the-Counter Market

1977-78 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div(p)	Yld %	P/E
66	29	Airsprung Ord	66	+1	5.4	8.3	8.7
203	105	Airsprung 18½% CULS	185	+5	18.5	10.0	—
46	25	Armitage & Rhodes	42	—	3.3	7.9	17.9
180	105	Bardon Hill	180	—	12.0	6.7	9.8
132	51	Deborah Ord	132	—	5.1	3.9	10.6
235	108	Deborah 17½% CULS	235	—	17.5	7.4	—
147	120	Frederick Parker	129	+1	12.4	9.6	5.1
153	135	George Blair	146xd	−3	15.0	10.3	5.4
58	36	Jackson Group	54	—	5.0	9.2	6.3
115	55	James Burrough	114	−2	6.5	5.7	10.6
340	188	Robert Jenkins	310	—	29.7	9.6	5.1
24	9	Twinlock Ord	20	—	—	—	17.9
82	54	Twinlock 12% ULS	77	—	12.0	15.6	—
83	54	Unilock Holdings	80	—	7.4	9.3	8.6
118	67	Walter Alexander	118	—	7.2	6.1	7.3

AMC Announcement

The Agricultural Mortgage Corporation Limited announce that with effect from 1st September, 1978 the rate of interest for

EXISTING VARIABLE RATE LOANS
REVIEWED QUARTERLY
will be
13½%

Borrowers whose loans are reviewed on a six-monthly basis will continue to pay 12½%

Both rates will remain in force until 1st December, 1978 the date of the next review

Until further notice, the rate of interest which will apply to

NEW VARIABLE RATE LOANS
will be
13½%

For full details of this and other facilities please contact
AMC, Bucklersbury House, 3 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4N 8DU. Tel: 01-248 6711.

COPPER was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £731-732 a metric ton; three months, £748-48.50. Sales, 6,800. Cash cathodes, £713.50-20.50; three months, £736.50-37.00. Sales, 1,325 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £728-28.50; three months, £742-42.50. Settlement, £728.50. Sales, 22,000 tons. Cash cathodes, £714-715; three months, £731-732. Settlement, £715. Sales, 750 tons.

SILVER was steady.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 284.9p per troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 553.1); three months, 291.4p (565.1c); six months, 296.2p (574.2c); one year, 314.7 (597.7c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash 283-83.3; three months, 291-91.2p. Sales, 57 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 281.7-81.9p; three months, 292-92.1. Settlement, 284.9p. Sales, 70 lots.

TIN was very steady.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £6,810-20 a metric ton; three months, £6,750-55. Sales, 750 tons. High grade, cash, £6,810-20; three months, £6,765-85. Sales, nil. Morning.—Standard cash, £6,830-40; three months, £6,740-50. Settlement, £6,840. Sales, 600 tons. High grade, cash £6,835-45; three months, £6,760-70. Settlement, £6,845. Sales, 5 tons. Singapore tin closed for National Day.

LEAD was easier.—Afternoon.—Cash, £338-339 per metric ton; three months, £344-44.50. Sales, 1,750 tons. Morning.—Cash, £338.50-39.50; three months, £344.50-45.00. Settlement, £339.50. Sales, 2,700 tons.

ZINC was steady. Afternoon.—Cash, £318-18.75 a metric ton; three months, £326-26.50. Sales, 1,175 tons. Morning.—Cash, £319-19.50; three months, £325.50-26.75. Settlement, £319.50. Sales, 3,900 tons. All afternoon prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM was at £135.40 ($263.25) a troy ounce.

RUBBER was easier (pence per kilo).—Oct, 58-58.60; Nov, 58.90-59.25; Oct-Dec, 59-59.20; Jan-March, 61.05-61.25; April-June, 63-63.10; July-Sept, 64.65-64.70; Oct-Dec, 66.25-66.35; Jan-March, 67.85-67.95; April-June, 69.50-69.55. Sales, 215 lots at 15 tonnes.

Commodities

RUBBER PHYSICALS were quiet. Spot, 58-58.75. Cifs, Oct, 59-59.25; Nov, 59.50-60.00.

COFFEE: Robustas were steady; arabicas were dull.—

ROBUSTAS (£ per metric ton): Sept, 1,500-30; Nov, 1,485-86; Jan, 1,413-17; March, 1,341-45; May, 1,311-14; July, 1,280-90; Sept, 1,250-70. Sales: 2,923 lots including 45 options.

ARABICAS ($ per 50 kilos): Aug, expired 85.00-80.00; Oct, 174-81; Dec, 164-70; Feb, 158-60; April, June and Aug all unquoted. Sales: 4 lots.

COCOA was very firm (£ per metric ton).—Sept, 1,842-47; Dec, 1,853-50; March, 1,871-72; May, 1,857-60; July, 1,856-58; Sept, 1,810-25; Dec, 1,740-65. Sales: 6,721 lots including 10 options. ICCO prices: daily, 155.94c; 15-day average, 152.51c; 22-day average, 152.15 (US cents per lb).

SUGAR.—The London daily price of "raws" was unchanged at £93; the "whites" price was unchanged at £101. Futures were steady. (£ per metric ton).—Oct, 95.60-95.65; Dec, 97.90-97.95; March, 104-04.10; May, 106.90-07.00; Aug, 111-11.05; Oct, 113.55-14.75; Dec, 117.50-18.25. Sales: 1,051 lots. ISA prices, 7.51c; 15-day average, 7.19c.

SOYABEAN MEAL was irregular (£ per metric ton).—Oct, 114.50-14.70; Dec, 115.90-16.00; Feb, 117.50-17.70; April, 118.20-19.70; June, 119-21.50; Aug, 119-23; Oct, 119-24. Sales, 40 lots.

WOOL: Greasy futures (pence per kilo).—Australians (quiet): Oct, 239-41; Dec, 240-44; March, 241-46; May, 244-47; July, 245-50; Oct, 248-52; Dec, 248-52. Sales, 5 lots. New Zealand Crossbreds (quiet): Dec, 180-82; March, 181-85; May, 182.5-84.5; July, 185-85; Oct, 186-88; Dec, 185-88. Sales, nil.

JUTE was steady. Bangladesh white "C" grade, Sept-Oct, $465 per long ton. "D" grade, Sept-Oct, $447.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—WHEAT.—Canadian western red spring No 1, 13½ per cent: Sept £91 Tilbury. US dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent: Sept, £81.25; Oct, £81.75; Nov, £82.75 trans-shipment east coast sellers.

MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American/French: first half Sept, £100.50; second half Sept, £100.35; Oct, £100.75 trans-shipment east coast sellers. South African white: Sept-Oct, £58.50 Glasgow seller. South African yellow: Sept-Oct, £59 Glasgow seller.

BARLEY was unquoted. All per tonne cif UK unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta). EEC origin.—BARLEY was steady: Sept, £78.35; Nov, £80.60; Jan, £83.55; March, £86.05; May, £88.55. Sales: 185 lots. WHEAT was fully steady: Sept, £84.60; Nov, £86.75; Jan, £89.70; March, £92.30; May, £94.30. Sales: 247 lots.

Home-Grown Cereal Authority.—Locations ex-farm spot prices.

	Other Milling WHEAT	Feed WHEAT	Feed BARLEY
N. Lincoln	£85.30	£78.20	£72.70
Hants, W. Sussex	£84.	£76.60	£72.90

MEAT COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on August 31st.—GB: Cattle 70.37p per kgtw (−0.19). UK: Sheep 139.0p per kg est dcw (+0.6). GB: Pigs 65.9p per kgtw (+2.2). England and Wales: Cattle numbers up 13.1 per cent, average price 70.62p (+0.14). Sheep numbers up 10.8 per cent, average price 139.9p (+0.8). Pig numbers up 19.5 per cent, average price 65.9p (+2.2). Scotland: Cattle numbers up 5.4 per cent, average price 69.64p (−1.07). Sheep numbers down 1.7 per cent, average price 131.1p (−1.5).

Wall Street

New York, Aug 31.—Stocks closed lower today on the New York Stock Exchange following an unfavourable economic report.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 3.90 points to 876.82. About 830 issues declined, with some 640 higher. Volume was 33,920,000 shares.

Prior to the stock market opening, the government reported that its index of leading economic indicators fell 0.7 per cent in July compared with a revised increase of 0.5 per cent in June.

The decline, the first since January, was substantial, pointing to a slowdown in the economy ahead, analysts said.

Cocoa closed 3.6c up

New York, Aug 31.—**COCOA** futures slid from the highs on late trade selling and light profit-taking but still closed 3.60 to 3.30 cents up, dealers said.—Sept, 161.50c; Dec, 160.50c; March, 156.55c; May, 153.35c; July, 150.70c; Sept, 148.65c; Dec, 146.05c. **COFFEE** futures in "C" contract ended 0.50 to 1.74 cents higher. Sept, 157.50-60c; Dec, 131.00-49c; March, 141.25-40c; May, 137.00c; July, 134.00-50c; Sept, 131.75-37c; Dec, 129.00c.

SUGAR futures in No 11 contract were: Sept, 7.35-39c; Oct, 7.38-39c; Jan, 7.73-85c; March, 8.10-12c; May, 8.37-45c; Sept, 8.65c; Oct, 8.76c; Jan, 8.75c bid.

SILVER.—Futures ended a shade above the lows with minor losses of 0.80 cent. Sept, 547.20c; Oct, 551.50c; Nov, 553.60c; Dec, 560.70c; Jan, 563.70c; March, 572.10c; May, 580.80c; July, 589.70c; Sept, 598.70c; Dec, 612.50c; Jan, 617.20c; March, 626.70c; July, 645.70c. Handy and Harman of Canada, Can $6.543 (previous Can $6.532).

GOLD: Near the close of dealings, the spot gold price for London delivery was at $206.50-207, unchanged from Wednesday. On the New York Commodity Exchange, September contracts fell to $205.90 from $206.90. NY COMEX: Sept, $205.90; Oct, $207.60; Nov, $209.10; Dec, $210.60; Feb, $213.80; April, $217.10; June, $220.50; Aug, $223.90; Oct, $227.30; Dec, $230.80; Feb, $234.30; April, $237.80; June, $241.30. CHICAGO IMM: Sept, $205.40-205.20; Dec, $210.30-210.60; March, $215.30-215.50; June, $220.50-220.48; Sept, $225.70; Dec, $230.60 asked; March, $236.00; June, $241.00 bid.

COPPER futures closed barely steady between 35 and 85 points up. Sept, 63.40c; Oct, 64.00c; Nov, 64.60c; Dec, 65.25c; Jan, 65.75c; March, 66.75c; May, 67.60c; July, 68.50c; Sept, 69.35c; Dec, 70.30c; Jan, 70.70c; March, 71.45c; May, 72.20c; July, 72.95c.

CHICAGO SOYABEANS. Oil lost 0.78 to 0.35 cents a lb while Meal advanced $1.50 to $0.80 a ton. SOYABEANS. Sept, 663-56c; Nov, 641-40c; Jan, 646-47c; March, 653-54c; May, 657c; July, 658-58½c; Aug, 653-55c. SOYABEAN OIL. Sept, 26.15-20c; Oct, 25.01-24.91c; Dec, 23.85-80c; Jan, 23.50c; March, 23.25-20c; May, 22.95c; July, 22.71-70c; Aug, 22.50c. SOYABEAN MEAL. Sept, $169.55-9.00; Oct, $169.90-170.50; Dec, $171.50-1.50; Jan, $172.00-2.50; March, $174.40; May, $175.50; July, $176.50; Aug, $177.00.

CHICAGO GRAINS. WHEAT: Sept, 335½-¼c; Dec, 330¼-½c; March, 327-27½c; May, 323c; July, 310½c; Sept, 314½-½c. CORN: Sept, 214-14½c; Dec, 221½-¼c; March, 232½-½c; May, 236½c; July, 239½c; Sept, 241½c. OATS: Sept, 122½c; Dec, 134½c; March, 142½c; May, 145½c asked; July, 147½c.

Aug 31 / Aug 30		
Allied Chem	Pet Penn Corp	Raytheon
Allied Stores	Ford	RCA Corp
Allied Supermkt	GAF Corp	Republic Steel
Allis Chalmers	Gamble Skogmo	Reynolds Ind
Alcoa	Gen Dynamics	Reynolds Metal
Amax Inc	Gen Electric	Rockwell Int
Amerada Hess	Gen Foods	Royal Dutch
Am Airlines	Gen Mills	Safeways
Am Brands	Gen Motors	St Regis Paper
Am Broadcast	Gen Pub Util NY	Santa Fe Ind
Am Can	Gen Tel Elec	SCM
Am Cyanamid	Gen Tire	Schlumberger
Am Elec Power	Genesco	Scott Paper
Am Home	Georgia Pacific	Seaboard Coast
Am Motors	Getty Oil	Seagram
Am Nat Res	Gillette	Sears Roebuck
Am Standard	Goodrich	Shell Oil
Am Telephone	Goodyear	Shell Trans
AMF Inc	Gould Inc	Signal Co
Armco Steel	Grace	Singer
Asarco	Gt Atlic & Pacific	Sony
Ashland Oil	Greyhound	Sth Cal Edison
Atlantic Richfield	Grumman Corp	Southern Pacific
Avco	Gulf Oil	Southern Rly
Avon Products	Gulf & West	Sperry Rand
Babcock & Wcox	Heinz H. J.	Std Brands
Bankers Tst NY	Hercules	Std Oil Califnia
Bank of America	Honeywell	Std Oil Indiana
Bank of NY	IC Inds	Std Oil Ohio
Beatrice Foods	Ingersoll	Sterling Drug
Bell & Howell	Inland Steel	Stevens J. P.
Bendix	IBM	Stude Worth
Bethlehem Steel	Int Harvester	Sunbeam Corp
Boeing	INCO	Sun Comp
Boise Cascade	Int Paper	Teledyne
Borden	Int Tel Tel	Tenneco
Borg Warner	Jewel Co	Texaco
Bristol Myers	Jim Walter	Texas East Corp
BP	Johns-Manville	Texas Inst
Burlington Ind	Johnson & John	Texas Utilities
Burlington Nthn	Kaiser Alumin	Textron
Burroughs	Kennecott	TWA
Campbell Soup	Kerr McGee	Travelers Corp
Canadian Pacific	Kimberly Clark	TRW Inc
Caterpillar	Kraftco Corp	UAL Inc
Celanese	K Mart	Unilever Ltd
Central Soya	Kruger	Unilever NV
Charter NY	Liggett Group	Union Bancorp
Chase Manhat	L.T.V. Corp	Union Carbide
Chem Bank NY	Litton	Union Oil Calif
Chesapeake Ohio	Lockheed	Un Pacific Corp
Chrysler	Lucky Stores	Uniroyal
Citicorp	Manuf Hanover	United Brands
Cities Service	Mapco	US Industries
Clark Equip	Marathon Oil	US Steel
Coca Cola	Marine Midland	Utd Technol
Colgate	Martin Marietta	Wachovia
CBS	McDonnell	Warner Comm
Columbia Gas	Mead	Warner Lambert
Combustion Eng	Memorex	Wells Fargo
Comwlth Edison	Merck	West'n Bancorp
Cons Edison	Minnesota Mng	Westnghse Elec
Cons Foods	Mobil Oil	Weyerhauser
Cons Power	Monsanto	Whirlpool
Continental Grp	Morgan J. P.	White Motor
Continental Oil	Motorola	Woolworth
Control Data	NCR Corp	Xerox Corp
Corning Glass	NL Industries	Zenith
CPC Intnl	Nabisco	
Crane	Nat Distillers	**Canadian Prices**
Crocker Int	Nat Steel	Abitibi
Crown Zeller	Norfolk West	Alcan Alumin
Dart Ind	NW Bancorp	Algoma Steel
Deere	Norton Simon	Bell Telephone
Del Monte	Occidental Pet	Cominco
Delta Air	Ogden	Cons Bathurst
Detroit Edison	Olin Corp	Falconbridge
Disney	Owens-Illinois	Gulf Oil
Dow Chemical	Pacific Gas Elec	Hawker Sid Can
Dresser Ind	Pan Am	Hudson Bay Min
Duke Power	Penney J. C.	Hudson Bay Oil
Du Pont	Pennzoil	Imasco
Eastern Air	Pepsico	Imperial Oil
Eastman Kodak	Pet Inc	Int Pipe
Eaton Corp	Pfizer	Mass-Fergsn
El Paso Nat Gas	Phelps Dodge	Royal Trust
Equitable Life	Philip Morris	Seagram
Esmark	Phillips Petrol	Steel Co
Evans P. D.	Polaroid	Talcorp
Exxon Corp	PPG Ind	Thomson N 'A'
Fed Dept Stores	Procter Gamble	Walker Hiram
Firestone	Pub Ser El & Gas	WCT
Fst Chicago	Pullman	
Fst Nat Boston	Rapid American	

* Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

Foreign exchange.—Sterling, spot, 1.9435 (1.9385); three months, 1.9332 (1.9264). Canadian dollar 85.87 (86.00).

The Dow Jones spot commodity index was 378.58. The futures index was 374.11.

The Dow Jones averages.—Industrials, 876.82 (880.72); transportation 247.95 (249.27); utilities 106.66 (106.43); 65 stocks, 304.13 (305.21).

New York Stock Exchange index, 58.33 (58.48); industrials 63.94 (64.10); transportation 49.99 (50.05); utilities 39.85 (39.85); financial, 62.89 (63.11).

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

Source: Kidder Peabody Securities Limited

Foreign Exchange

In quiet trading yesterday the dollar finished on offer against most major currencies including sterling, which closed ½ cent higher at $1.9435 compared with $1.9410 overnight. The trade-weighted index was unchanged at 62.4. Dealers said the dollar made a little headway initially but profit-taking soon developed.

Gold gained $1.75 an ounce to close in London at $208.125.

Discount market

Underlying factors pointed to a slight surplus of credit in the markets yesterday but this did not really show in the discount market, where the Bank of England again gave help on a very large scale. The authorities bought a large number of Treasury bills and a small quantity of local authority bills.

This assistance looked to have been overdone, so that rates fell away at the finish to provide some cheap balances with which the houses could rule off their books.

Earlier, rates had held around the 8½ per cent or 8¾ per cent level, but in the final stages some non-clearer sources were willing to lend right down to the 5½-6½ per cent area. The only identifiable item on the minus side was sizable Treasury bill take-up.

Spot Position of Sterling

Forward Levels

Euro-$ Deposits

Gold

Money Market Rates

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

1977/78 High Bid	Low Offer	Trust	Bid	Offer	Yield

Authorized Unit Trusts

Insurance Bonds and Funds

Offshore and International Funds

City Offices
Hampton & Sons
01-236 7831

Stock Exchange Prices

Equities fall through 500

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Aug 21. Dealings End, Today. §Contango Day, Sept 4. Settlement Day, Sept 12

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

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ALUMINIUM

THE TIMES SHARE INDICES

The Times Share Indices for 31 08 78 (base date June 2, 1964 original base date June 2, 1958)

	Index No.	Div. Yield %	Earn. Yield %	P/E Ratio
Latest				
Previous				

	High	Low
All-time	527.57 (22 08 78)	60.16 (12.12.74)
1978	527.57 (22 08 78)	284.55 (02.01.75)
1977	422.98 (14.09.77)	251.29 (12.01.77)
1976	371.66 (05.09.76)	115.83 (27.10.76)
1975	199.32 (19.11.75)	81.42 (06.01.75)
1974	136.18 (28.02.74)	60.16 (12.12.74)
1973	189.33 (12.01.73)	120.99 (04.12.73)

The Times Industrial Share Index 218.57 6.39 11.78 220.49
Largest Fors. 222.17 6.04 11.23 224.01
Smaller Cors. 206.93 7.15 13.32 208.76
Capital Goods 262.61 5.66 14.24 267.09
Consumer Goods 220.80 6.79 11.28 222.75
Mines Shares 190.19 8.32 8.28 192.19

Large financial shares 259.22 5.06 — 262.33
Large financial and industrial shares 223.51 6.02 — 225.55
Gold Mining shares 532.00 6.62 16.62 —315.92
Industrial debenture stocks 94.80 6.29 — 94.90
Industrial preferens stocks 88.48 10.52 — 88.48
2½% War Loan 31¼ 11.69 — 31¼

A record of The Times Industrial Share Indices is given below.—

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Investment Dollar Premium 90¾ - 91¼ (-)
Premium Conversion Factor 0.7631.

a Ex dividend. a Ex all. h Forecast dividend. e Corrected price. e Interim payment passed. f Price at suspension. g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment. k Bid for company. k Pre-merger figures. n Forecast earning. p(t) capital distribution. r Ex rights. s Ex scrip or share split. t Tax free. v Price adjusted for late dealings. z Significant data.

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Large Trading in Middle East

An opportunity exists in the Middle East for an outstanding Senior Executive of genuine provable ability with a track record of at least fifteen years in management of trading or similar entrepreneurial concerns.

Candidates must have a wide-ranging knowledge of all aspects of international trading and particular skills in organising and running a multi-divisional company with branches.

The post will be that of General Manager and the rewards will be extremely attractive to an appointee of the right calibre. Terms will include incentives in the form of profit sharing.

Apply in writing with full curriculum vitae to

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OPPORTUNITIES IN U.A.E.

CHIEF ENGINEER

Candidate must be Graduate from University at least B.Sc. Civil Engineering, and a member of an Institute of Engineering. At least eighteen years of experience in building construction. Must be up to date with the technology of building industry.

SENIOR SITE ENGINEER

This position involves sites control operations and special construction co-ordinations consultants contacts for approval of specified general items. Must be at least University graduate B.S. Engineering. Eight years' experience.

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Must be B.S. Engineering, also a member of a Quantity Surveyor's Institution. Ten years of experience in the Q.S. position. Estimating programming, project budgeting and materials control.

CARPENTRY AND JOINERY

Experienced senior man in manufacturing of doors—flush or solid doors, wardrobes, kitchen cabinets, hand rails, special timber windows, fall ceilings, ply. The candidate must be experienced to manage and supervise a carpentry workshop.

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Certified. Needed to supervise, control, maintain, usage of construction equipment, concrete pumps and their hydraulic booms (Butes Master), patching plans, wheel loaders, telescopic cranes and, if possible, knowledge of erecting and dismantling of power cranes.

Application with details to be sent to
The Manager,
32 Eaton House,
Upper Grosvenor Street, London, W.1.
Conditions of contracts to be discussed.

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Up to £9,000 p.a.

The Midland Bank Group wishes to appoint senior personnel to augment its agricultural team to work in the main livestock and arable farming areas of the country.

Each successful candidate will be expected to work from a base within his/her area. The areas involved include Scotland, Wales, South East and the North Midlands/North West of England. The Welsh appointee will require a fluent knowledge of the Welsh language. The work will involve travelling widely within the area, visiting farms and other agricultural businesses in order to assess propositions and to advise the Bank and customers or prospective customers requiring financial assistance. As part of the duties, he/she will be expected to address influential audiences—and must have the authority, presence and tact to achieve this successfully.

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Starting salary will be in the range of £8,500–£9,000 depending on ability and experience. The usual excellent banking benefits and a car will be provided. Preferred age—late twenties or early thirties.

Please apply in the strictest confidence to: Mr. J. E. Talman, Midland Bank Limited, Personnel Division, Head Office, Poultry, London EC2P 2BX.



Midland Bank

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COMPREHENSIVE HOUSING SERVICE

BOROUGH HOUSING OFFICER

Salary £12,432 to £13,278 inclusive plus £804 p.a. car etc. allowance

Haringey is a progressive Housing Authority with ambitious housing programmes and policies designed to tackle some of the most severe housing problems in London.

The Borough Housing Officer has overall responsibility for a Housing Service of over 300 people. He/she is responsible for advising the Housing Committee on the development of Housing policies and for implementing their decisions.

We need someone with senior management experience and knowledge of housing, who has the necessary ability and enthusiasm to improve housing conditions in London.

Applications Forms, job description and further particulars available from Chief Executive, Civic Centre, Wood Green, London N22 4LE - Telephone 01-888 1282 Ext. 301. Please quote reference 56001. Completed applications returnable by 20th September 1978. If for holiday reasons this is not possible, late applications may be considered.

HEAD OF COMPUTER SERVICES

The BBC has 1904 and 2960 I.C.L. Computers operating various programme and service functions at Shepherds Bush. Further developments are planned. The Head of Computer Services is responsible for developing resources to meet requirements, planning and controlling development work within time and cost limits, establishing and maintaining effective design and operating standards, and operating central data preparations and processing installations. There are about 200 professional and supporting staff.

Applications are invited from computer professionals with proven managerial skills.

Salary, negotiable, on pensionable or short term contract, appropriate to the responsibilities involved.

Please telephone or write immediately, enclosing addressed envelope, for application form, quoting reference 78.G.1563.T], to Appointments Department, BBC, London W1A 1AA. Tel. 01-580 4468, Ext. 4619.

BBC

The Papua New Guinea Development Bank

invites applications for the position of

COMMERCIAL MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANT

in its Technical Department, Port Moresby—national capital of Papua New Guinea.

The Papua New Guinea Development Bank is a statutory authority of the Government of PNG established for the purpose of providing loans for primary production and establishment, development or acquisition of industrial or commercial undertakings. It currently has eight branches, five sub-branches and ten representative offices throughout PNG with a total staff of approximately 300.

Duties will involve identifying and carrying out feasibility studies for potential new projects covering technical, economic and social considerations at levels required by international aid agencies; monitoring of existing projects, amending budgets and development programmes to suit changing situations; carry out necessary accounting and secretarial duties to obtain relevant data appropriate to the above.

Formal qualifications in accounting essential. We require an experienced person who has a comprehensive knowledge of the many factors necessary for small to medium-scale commercial development and an ability to get a job done with minimum of supervision. Candidates should be experienced in commercial accounting, commercial law, tax, company secretarial and corporate planning.

Salary (payable in Kina) will be negotiated in a range equivalent to £12,000 - £14,000. Initial contract of employment will be for two years. Travel to Port Moresby and repatriation fares will be paid. Leave accrues at rate of 6 weeks per annum.

Applications will be treated as confidential and should state age, marital status, qualifications and experience and contact telephone number. They should be sent to The Recruitment Attache, [Ref: Development Bank), Papua New Guinea High Commission, 14 Waterloo Place, London, SW1R 4AR. Applicants must be available for interview in London on 18th and 19th September, 1978.

SPANISH MANUFACTURES OF PNEUMATIC EQUIPMENT NEED

UK BRANCH MANAGER

Should be an engineer with experience of sales and business administration. If possible should have a good knowledge of diesel engine techniques. Must be fluent in Spanish (speaking and writing). Applications with c.v. and salary requirements to:

TECNIC GALI S.A.,
Pendennis Road,
London SW16 2SW.

Open to both Male and Female applicants

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A rapidly expanding American Company is seeking an individual to work out of its Algiers office. The requirements are as follows:—

- Broad general experience in administrative and personnel functions.
- A reasonable command of the French language.
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- Ability to be tactful and diplomatic.
- Preferable age bracket 30 to 40 years.

Please send detailed résumé and photo. Clearly show how you can be contacted on 16th September. Short list candidates will be interviewed in London 18 and 19 September.

The person selected will have the possibility of making a permanent career with the company. Salary is 2,000 U.S. dollars per month. Attractive benefits include car and free apartment.

Box 2270 K, The Times

Business Opportunities

GEALAN

Top quality in the service of plastics window manufacturers

The Gealan plastics works have now been supplying for more than 10 years under contract work for the plastics construction industry the multi-chamber profile system of "Hostalit Z" manufactured by Hoechst AG, which is a technically refined system that has been introduced with great success on the German market as well as in Belgium, Denmark, Norway, Luxembourg and France.

The growth rate at Gealan over the last three years has been, on average, 35-40 per cent per annum.

We are particularly proud to be able to offer the market a whole range of profile systems for plastics windows, house doors, sliding doors, up-and-over doors, and house renovation.

Since we also want to present our Gealan plastics window profile systems in the United Kingdom, we are now looking for a

first-class sole agent

for the United Kingdom, who should above all be able to put us in contact with suitable companies, best of all cabinet-makers window construction companies, etc.

In addition to possessing a good selling technique and fluency of expression, our sole agent should be able to provide technical solutions for problems in window construction and communicate effectively with our customers, the window manufacturers, and thereby be in the position, by virtue of his technical knowledge and personal abilities, to promote our vigorous expansion. He should be aged between 28 and 38.

We offer:

For the successful applicant, a unique lump-sum commission structure for new customers, as well as a well-paid commission for initial and repeat orders. We should be pleased to provide you with further details in writing or by discussion.

Please reply in writing providing the necessary information to enable us to evaluate your suitability for the post, to:

Geschäftsführung der Gealan-Plastic-Werke
A. Fickenscher & Söhne, 8671 Oberkotzau, Bavaria.
Tel.: 09286/571, 572 + 573.

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LEGAL NOTICES

In the Matter of PORTKIRK Limited and in the Matter of the Companies Act 1948.

Notice is hereby given the CREDITORS of the above-named Company, which is being VOLUNTARILY WOUND UP, are required on or before the 11th day of October, 1978, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Keith D. Goodman, F.C.A., of 3/4 Bentinck Street, London W1A 3BA, the Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 23rd day of August, 1978.

K. D. GOODMAN, F.C.A., Liquidator.

In the Matter of COMPANIES ACT 1948 and in the Matter of DAWLISH SERVICE STATION Ltd. Registered Office: Whittington Way, Pinner, Middx.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 293 of the Companies Act, 1948, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at Kings Head Hotel, Harrow, Middlesex, on 8th September, 1978, at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose mentioned in Section 293 et seq of the said Act.

Dated this 25th day of August, 1978.

By Order of the Board.

Witness:
S. K. SINGLA, A.C.A., Chartered Accountant.
MICHAEL GEORGE BLOWER, Director.

THE COMPANIES ACTS 1948 to 1976 ZIRCAL Limited.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to section 293 of the Companies Act 1948, that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above-named Company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., situate at 3/4 Bentinck Street, London, W1A 3BA, on Friday, the 8th day of September, 1978, at 12 o'clock midday, for the purposes mentioned in sections 293 and 294 of the said Act.

Dated this 21st day of August, 1978.

By Order of the Board,
TREVOR READ, Director.

LEGAL NOTICES

No 002143 of 1978.

In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Mr. Registrar Dearbergh in the Matter of JOHN LAING & SON Limited and in the Matter of The Companies Act, 1948.

Notice is Hereby Given that by an Order dated the 24th July 1978 made in the above matters the Court has directed Separate Meetings of (i) the holders of (i) the Ordinary Shares and (ii) the Ordinary "A" Shares respectively of the above named Company (hereinafter called "the Company") to be convened for the purpose of considering and if thought fit approving (with or without modification) a Scheme of Arrangement proposed to be made between the Company and the holders of its said respective classes of Shares and that such Meetings will be held at the registered office of the Company at Page Street, London, NW7 2ER on Tuesday the 26th day of September 1978 at the respective times below mentioned, namely:—

(i) The Meeting of the holders of the Ordinary Shares at 3.35 o'clock in the afternoon or as soon thereafter as the preceding Meeting shall have been concluded or adjourned; and

(ii) the Meeting of the holders of the Ordinary "A" Shares at 3.40 o'clock in the afternoon or as soon thereafter as the preceding Meeting shall have been concluded or adjourned; at which place and respective times all the aforesaid Shareholders are requested to attend.

Any person entitled to attend the said Meetings can obtain copies of the said Scheme of Arrangement, forms of Proxy and copies of the Statement required to be furnished pursuant to Section 207 of the above mentioned Act at the Registered Office of the Company state at Page Street, London, NW7 2ER and at the offices of the undermentioned Solicitors at the address mentioned below during usual business hours on any day (other than a Saturday or Sunday prior to the day appointed for the said Meetings.

The said shareholders may vote in person at such of the said Meetings as they are entitled to attend or they may appoint another person whether a Member of the Company or not as their proxy to attend and vote in their stead.

In the case of joint holders the vote of the senior who tenders a vote whether in person or by proxy will be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders, and for this purpose seniority will be determined by the order in which the names stand in the Register of Members.

It is requested that forms appointing proxies be lodged with the Registrars of the Company, Granby Registration Services, Granby House, 96 Southwark Street, London, SE1 0BB not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the said Meetings, but if forms are not so lodged they may be handed to the Chairman at the Meeting at which they are to be used.

By the said Order the Court has appointed Sir John Maurice Laing or failing him, Sir William Kirby Laing or failing him, Geoffrey Frank Parsons to act as Chairman of each of the said Meetings and has directed the Chairman to report the results thereof to the Court.

The said Scheme of Arrangement will be subject to the subsequent approval of the Court.

Dated the 31st day of August 1978.

LINKLATERS & PAINES, 18, Lombard Berrington House, 59-67 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7JA. Solicitors for the Company.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1971

The Secretary of State for Transport hereby gives notice that he proposes to make an Order under S209 of the above Act to authorize the stopping up of a part of Troc-church Lane, EC3, to enable redevelopment consisting of offices and a wine bar to be carried out in accordance with planning permission granted to Hampshire Contractors Limited under Part III of the said Act.

During 28 days from the 1 September, 1978, copies of the draft order and relevant plan may be inspected at all reasonable hours at the Guildhall, London, EC2, and may be obtained free of charge from the Secretary of State (quoting GLHT 58/5002/7/017) at the address stated below.

Within the above-mentioned period of 28 days, any person may by notice to the Secretary of State (Ref: GLHT 58/5002/7/017), Department of Transport, St Christopher House, Southwark Street, London, SE1 0TE, object to the making of the Order.

J. S. BROWN, Chief Administration Officer, Greater London Roads & Traffic Division, Department of Transport.

NO. 25 (RULE 58 (6))
In the Matter of FAIRCRAFT (SOUTH SHIELDS) Limited.

BY Order of the HIGH Court of JUSTICE dated the 26th day of May, 1978, Mr Alan Jared Grey, of 19 Borough Road, Sunderland, SR1 1LA has been appointed LIQUIDATOR of the above-named Company with a Committee of Inspection.

Dated this 25th day of August, 1978.

TRANSFER BOOKS

BLUE CIRCLE INDUSTRIES LIMITED
(formerly The Associated Portland Cement Manufacturers Limited)
NOTICE TO HOLDERS OF BEARER WARRANTS

Notice is hereby given to the holders of the Company's Ordinary Stock Warrants to Bearer that the Interim Dividend of 3.22 per cent on account of the year ended 31st December, 1978, will be paid on or after Monday, 16th October, 1978, to holders of Bearer Warrants upon presentation of Coupons No. 35.

Warrant holders who are employees of Blue Circle Industries Limited or any of its Subsidiary Companies, should follow the instructions shortly to be displayed on company notice boards; warrant holders who are not employees must present their Coupons No. 35 to the Company at the address shown below through an Authorised Depositary, eg. Banker, Solicitor or Stockbroker on or after 16th October, 1978.

By order of the Board
H. W. R. HAM,
Secretary.

Portland House,
Stag Place,
London, SW1E 5BJ.
1st September, 1978.

THE EAST SURREY WATER COMPANY
CLOSING OF STOCK TRANSFER BOOKS

Notice is hereby given that the Registers of the 9 per cent Redeemable Preference Stock 1980 and 8 per cent Redeemable Preference Stock 1982 will be closed from the 12th to the 25th September, 1978, both dates inclusive.

By order of the Board
F. M. FOSTER,
Secretary.

Redhill, Surrey.
1st September, 1978.

IMPERIAL GROUP LIMITED
London
1st September, 1978

Notice is hereby given that the Transfer Books of the 6½ per cent Unsecured Loan Stock 1988/93 of Imperial Group Limited will be closed from 17th to 20th September, 1978, both days inclusive, for the preparation of interest warrants.

By Order,
P. M. DAVIES,
Group Secretary.

DIVIDEND NOTICES

BRASCAN LIMITED
(Incorporated under the Laws of Canada)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors of this Company has DECLARED a QUARTERLY DIVIDEND of twenty-five cents (25 cents) per share (in United States funds) on the Company's Class A, Class B, and Class C Convertible Ordinary Shares without nominal or par value, payable October 31, 1978, to shareholders of record at the close of business on October 1, 1978.

The dividend payable on Class A Convertible Ordinary Shares represented by share warrants to bearer will be paid only against surrender of such bearer warrants with coupons serial Nos. 154/160, both inclusive, with talons attached, in exchange for bearer International Depositary Receipts issued by Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York at Brussels, Belgium, in respect of Class C Convertible Ordinary Shares of the Company or for registered share certificates of the Company. Bearer warrants (with coupons serial Nos. 154/160, both inclusive and talons attached) may be surrendered for exchange to:

Citi
59, Rue de Namur
1000 Brussels

or

Morgan Guaranty Trust Company of New York
33, Avenue des Arts,
1040 Brussels

Dated at Toronto, Canada, the 29th day of August, 1978.

By Order of the Board,
L. A. ALLEN,
Secretary.

The Transfer Agents of the Company are National Trust Company, Limited, Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver, Calgary, Winnipeg and Halifax, Canada, and Citibank, N.A., New York, N.Y., U.S.A.

Changes of address should be notified promptly to National Trust Company, Limited at 21 King Street East, Toronto, Canada M5C 1B5.

NOTICE

All advertisements are subject to the conditions of acceptance of Times Newspapers Limited, copies of which are available on request.

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE BRITISH RAILWAYS BOARD hereby give advance notice, in pursuance of Section 51 of the Transport Act, 1962, that they plan to withdraw freight facilities from the following stations in the month of October, 1978 - REDRUTH. Particulars of the dates on which the facilities will be withdrawn and of alternative facilities will be announced locally in each case and/or may be obtained from the Manager, Marylebone Road, London, NW1 6JJ.

EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL

Senior Assistant Education Officer (Schools)

£9,954-£10,602 inclusive

The holder of this senior post is responsible to the Chief Education Officer for Primary, Secondary and Special Education.

Applicants should be graduates with teaching and administrative/managerial experience in a local Education authority.

Application forms and further information from the Chief Personnel Officer, East Sussex County Council, Walwers Lane, Lewes. Tel. Lewes 5400, ext. 12/330.

Closing date for receipt of application forms is 15th September, 1978.

East Sussex

Senior Industrial Relations Officer

The British Medical Association (an independent listed Trade Union) require a national officer with wide Trade Union experience and possibly also knowledge of the National Health Service. The Officer will be based at the Association's Head Office in London and will be required to set up and supervise a team of about 16 regional industrial relations officers.

Initial salary £8,697 on Scale rising to £9,195 (including London Weighting) with further prospects of advancement.

Applications should be sent by 18 September, 1978, to the Personnel Administrator, British Medical Association, BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JP.

Marketing and Development Manager — Publishing

Salary circa £8,000-£10,000, company car

As publishers of The Architects' Journal, The Architectural Review, and books selling world-wide, we are one of the leaders in a highly-competitive multi-million pound market. We have some of the best editorial brains in the business and now need a marketing manager to help develop plans for the eighties.

The person we are looking for will probably be between 28-35, with a background that enables him or her to investigate markets for magazines aimed at professional readers, and to make quantified recommendations to the Board on the launching of new projects. The brief will not necessarily be confined to the building industry or the UK; nor, ultimately, to print and paper forms of communication. Ideally, the person appointed should also be interested in the development of electronically based information systems.

We are small enough to be beautiful, but not so small as to lack the resources for growth and expansion; the sort of organisation where an up-and-coming marketing person can make a name for themselves. If this is the kind of opportunity you have been looking for, please write with details of your career and experience, and marking your envelope confidential, to: F. G. Dunn, Director, The Architectural Press Ltd., 9 Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1H 9BY.

appointment of

Director

(male or female)

MRC Human Biochemical Genetics Unit

The Medical Research Council invite applications for the post of Director of their Human Biochemical Genetics Unit, which is housed in the Department of Genetics, University College London.

Candidates should be person of high scientific standing and ability, with a flair for research management. The future research programme of the Unit will be a matter for discussion between the new Director and the Council, taking into account the scientific interests of the candidate and the Unit's current research commitments.

The salary will be within the range for the Council's Special Appointments Scale, Professorial Range, University professorial range.

MRC

Further particulars may be obtained from Dr W. Gibson, Medical Research Council, 20 Park Crescent, London W1N 4AL, to whom applications should be addressed. The final date for receipt of applications is 16th October 1978.

Medical Research Council



—Stepping Stones—Non-Secretarial—Secretarial—Temporary & Part Time Vacancies—

NON-SECRETARIAL

TWO TELE-AD CANVASSERS.

Required immediately by a major Regional Newspaper Group to join a small, hard-working Tele-Sales team, developing various categories of classified advertising.

Applicants, aged 21-30, will be confident, self-sufficient, resilient, with plenty of determination and enthusiasm plus a pleasant telephone manner and a good command of the English language.

We offer a good basic salary to £3,750 p.a., increase review after 3 months, plus £500 p.a. bonus earning potential and first-class induction and on-going training.

For further details telephone JOHN JEFFERSON London Classified Controller on: 01-583 9199, ext 207

BEAUTIFUL SMALL HOTEL

In Notting Hill Gate seeks someone for reception to take administrative responsibility and care about the way things run. Salary negotiable, but we do need a good head for figures.

Also seeking part-time weekend night receptionist.

Telephone 727 2777

RECEPTIONIST

£3,500

Prestige position for well presented receptionist (30-45) to be responsible for busy reception area of International West End Company.

JAYGAR CAREERS 730 5148 (Recruitment Consultants)

BEAUTIFUL SMALL HOTEL

In Notting Hill Gate seeks experienced staff to care for and serve guests in our lovely bar restaurant.

Telephone 727 2777

BOOKKEEPER / CASHIER, 23-50. Industrial Co., West End, to £3,500 p.a.—Stella Fisher Bureau (Agy.), 110 Strand, W.C.2. 836 6644. (Also open Sats 10.00 a.m.-12.30 p.m.)

FLATLAND ESTATE AGENTS LTD., 69 Buckingham Palace Rd., SW1 require hardworking negotiator for their luxury rentals dept. Intelligence and initiative more important than experience.—828 1251.

SALES PERSON to manage Leather goods shop in Piccadilly. We need someone with initiative and flair (and educated to at least 'A' level standard), c. £3,000 (plus overtime, staff discount, travel contrib.). David Lunan, L. & W. Shops, 01-581 1323.

COLLEGE LEAVER SECRETARIES.—It's always the widest choice at Covent Garden Bureau, 55, Fleet Street, E.C.4. 353 7696.

KNIGHTSBRIDGE Interior Designers require intelligent, personable Rec. Secretary who enjoys dealing with the public. Tel. 589 0118.

MARVELLOUS JOB for an exceptional person. Based in Spain. European travel.—See Dom. Sits.

SECRETARIAL

MULTINATIONAL COMPANY IN ST. JAMES'S requires

SECRETARIAL ASSISTANT

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Motoring

Toyota answer to the Ford Capri

To Ford and to Toyota must go much of the credit for popularizing the concept of the hatchback coupé. Ford started the ball rolling by making buyers coupé-conscious with the original Capri, although not until the introduction of the Capri 2 did they offer a proper hatchback facility.

Toyota took up the theme with their Celica, and were quick to offer a hatchback variant, although they preferred to market it under the name Liftback. The car sold well, especially in the United States, to which it was primarily directed, but it had a number of shortcomings, including a cramped interior and indifferent handling and ride characteristics, and so it was no great surprise when we were shown early this year a completely restyled range of Celicas.

So widely has the opening tailgate been accepted that it has been thought necessary to offer in Britain only one conventional coupé—the Celica 1600ST, but no fewer than three different 2-litre Liftbacks. They are the 2000ST and 2000GT, with single-camshaft and twin-camshaft engines, respectively, and the 2000XT (the subject of this test report). The XT combines the single-camshaft engine with a more luxurious level of interior trim and equipment and is the only one of the trio to be offered with automatic transmission: it was submitted for test in this form.

There is no question that the new body, in addition to being aerodynamically more efficient and more airy as a result of a substantial increase in glass area, is also more spacious internally. What is open to debate is whether it is yet spacious enough. Certainly the rear quarters are cramped (my second passenger sat "side-saddle" for much of the journey from London to the South of France and back), while front-seat legroom is also marginal for a tall driver. It was this, more than any lack of adjustability of the driving seat (there is even lumbar-support adjustment if you need it) which caused me to spend so much time trying all variations before I found a driving position suitable for such a long journey. But in fairness I should add that having found it I remained very comfortable behind the wheel.

The luggage space is long and wide but shallow, especially if the flexible curtain is run out from its roll behind the twin-backrest rear seat. Without the roll, and with one or both backrests flattened, the load space, of course, is greatly increased.

Commendable features of the 2000XT are the quality interior finish, with carpeting extending to the lower body panels, attractive and seemingly durable seat coverings and a comprehensive and well laid out dashboard. Rotary switches on steering-column-mounted stalks take care of most of the control functions.

The wind-noise level was impressively subdued, even at the car's 100 mph maximum speed, provided you gave an extra push on the window winders to clamp the glasses in their channels. There was a transmission-induced harmonic boom, however, at a little over 80 mph, which was irritating. On the debit side, too, the steering proved excessively heavy while parking and the recirculating-ball mechanism lacked the precision of the best rack-and-pinion layouts.

Full marks to the automatic transmission for its very smooth changes and for its seemingly modest horse-power consumption bearing in mind that the 89 bhp engine was capable of taking the car to 60 mph from rest in 12 seconds. A long, hard depression was required on the accelerator to bring in the kick-down, but response was then very brisk. Fuel consumption was between 26 and 29 mpg during long periods of autoroute cruising, falling sharply to around 22 mpg in the London area.

At first there was considerable disappointment in the performance of the heating/ventilation/air-conditioning installation, but this largely disappeared after we learnt how to use the controls correctly. The large rear-screen wiper did an excellent job up to 90 mph until wind-buffeting when overtaking a large truck caused the blade to leap free of the glass and remain suspended until we slowed down. Handling and ride (still on the firm side) are not yet up to the best European standards, but, make no mistake, the Japanese are making significant strides in these areas.

At just over £5,000 the Celica 2000XT automatic is not particularly cheap, but its specification is impressive, its appearance pleasing and its performance adequate for many tastes; therein lie the secrets of any success which comes its way.

Up-market Lada

Two new models, the Lada 1600 and 1600ES, are announced today which Satra Motors, the British importers of these Russian-built cars, hope will extend their existing market penetration of 0.28 per cent to 0.5 per cent during 1979.

Based on the 1500 model, which remains on sale, the 1600 has a smaller grille flanked by dual headlamps in new surrounds, chromed bumpers with rubber overriders and impact-absorbing corner covers. In addition there are revised side trims and a tidied-up tail.

The larger-bore overhead-camshaft engine produces 78 bhp at 5,400 rpm, but the car's overall gearing has been kept low to achieve a level of top-gear flexibility required by caravan-towers. The list price of £2,666 includes inertiareel seat belts, number plates, delivery charge, car tax, VAT and one year's road fund licence.

The ES version, costing £2,999, is provided with a stereo tape cassette and radio with electric aerial, a vinyl roof, leather-rimmed steering wheel, alloy road wheels and steel-belted radial tyres. The standard Lada 1600 specification includes cloth upholstery, reclining front seats, deep-pile carpeting, laminated screen, heated rear screen servo-assisted twin-circuit brakes and Goodyear radial tyres.

Durability in Cyprus

It was a new-car launch in the late-1960s which first took me to Cyprus and made me resolve one day to return there. Last month I did so, and being on holiday there was rather more time to take in something of the motoring scene there, or at least in that southerly part of the sadly now-divided island which remains open to us.

Cyprus has a mixture of relatively well-surfaced roads, many more with seemingly built-in bumps and dips carefully spaced to tax a car's suspension system to the full, and a myriad of tracks, mostly loose-surfaced, on which your speedometer may not register 20mph more than half a dozen times over a distance of 25 miles.

All the more remarkable, therefore, to find so many cars of a type which in Britain incipient rust and general decay have long since consigned to the crusher, still in daily use and, moreover, showing little sign of the high milage which they must have covered.

Perhaps it was as well in a country where a new Mini costs around 3,000 Cyprus pounds (£4,200) and where, during our visit, the local taxi company took delivery of their long-awaited Mercedes-Benz long-wheelbase diesel-engined taxi for a reputed 15,000 Cyprus pounds. At least it had air-conditioning!

Not so the 200D which Bambos, our taxi driver, used the day previously to give us a one-day guided tour on the Cyprus hinterland. But clearly this was a car—a 1970 model—which he had cherished. It had already passed its 500,000th mile, yet its white paintwork could have passed for a typical two-year-old car, its upholstery still retained its original profile and the rear seat its springing (the front bench was a mite lumpy), and mechanically it would have passed the most stringent MoT test save, perhaps, for just a little slack in the steering due to soon-to-be-replaced worn bushes. That car was an indication of what solid construction and regular maintenance can mean in terms of durability when the climate is right.

Never again did I expect to see a 1955 Vauxhall Cresta in daily use, parked in Paphos and as clean and original as the car I had driven when it was new, or the 1952 Austin A40 Somerset being driven through Limassol without a dent or scratch in sight. Mark 2 and 3 Zephyrs abounded, along with early postwar Hillman Minxes. Morris Oxfords and Ford Anglias and Prefects, some immaculate, others dust-covered but seemingly sound. It was as though the clock had been turned back 20 years.

John Blunsden

Broadcasting

9.25 pm BBC 2 — Horizon will prove how wrong you are if you believe that there can be little to link international political strategy with the roundish, blackish modules that lie in their billions at the bottom of the Pacific.

8.10 pm BBC 1 — There are those who will tell you that the outcome of the Miss United Kingdom contest is immaterial and that what matters are the shapely signposts en route. Either way, very undemanding viewing.

8.15 pm ITV — The Land Army series is not doing for the women what Dad's Army did for the men. The ingredients are all there but the mixture is lumpy. Tonight, a royal visitor is expected.—P.D.

BBC 1

6.40 am, Open University: Ignatius Loyola: 7.05, Geophysics of Cyprus; 7.30-7.55, Antibody Diversity Immuno-regulation 9.50, Paddington. 9.55, Jackanory. 10.10, Grange Hill. 10.35-11.00, Big John, Little John. 1.30 pm, Trumpton. 1.45-2.00, News. 3.50, Tybed. 4.20, Play School. 4.45, Agaton Sax. 5.10, Play Away.
5.40 News.
5.55 Nationwide.
6.20 European Athletics Championships.
6.50 Hoe-Down.
7.20 Young Dan'l Boone.
8.10 Miss United Kingdom, beauty contest.
9.00 News.
9.25 Petrocelli.
10.15 Athletics highlights.
11.00 Face the Music.
11.31 Film: Barefoot in the Park, with Jane Fonda.
1.10 am, Weather.
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BBC WALES.—1.30-1.45 pm, O Dan Y Mor. 3.50-4.20, Transmitters closedown. 5.10, Twilight. 5.35-5.40, Crystal Tipps. 5.55-6.20, Wales Today. 6.50, Heddiw. 7.15, Dewydd Clawdd Offa. 7.45-8.10, Dr Who. 11.00-11.30, Sports News—Y Wlad Fawr. SCOTLAND.—9.50-11.00 am, Transmitters closedown. 3.50-4.20 pm, Reporting Scotland. 11.00-11.30, The Beachgrove Garden. NORTHERN IRELAND.—3.50-4.18 pm, Transmitters Closedown. 4.18-4.20, Northern Ireland News. 5.55-6.20, Spike Among Six. 11.00-11.30, More Bloody and more Peal. ENGLAND.—11.00-11.30, East, Joint Account Midlands, Lifes Work. North, BBC North Young Musicians. North-East, Distinctly Dietrich. North West, Northwest of Assistance. South, One Man's Epic. South West, Zodiac and Co. West, Chinese Riddle.

HTV

9.30 am, Thames. 10.20, Dynamutt 10.40, Southern. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, West Headlines. 1.25, Wales Headlines. Sounds of Britain. 2.00, Women Only. 2.25, Thames. 5.10, Captain Nemo. 5.15, Southern. 6.00, Report West. 6.15, Report Wales. 6.30, Rollerer for the Cup. 7.00, London. 8.15, Southern. 10.35, Letter for Lutler. 11.05-12.00, Quinex. HTV CYMRU/WALES.—As HTV except 1.20-1.25 pm, Penawrau Newyddion Y Dydd. 4.10-4.40, Camand Cantref. 6.00-6.15, Y Dydd. HTV WEST.—As HTV except 1.20-1.30 pm, West Headlines. 6.15-6.30, Report West.

Westward

9.30 am, Thames. 10.20, Fairy Tale. 10.40, Southern. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Westward News Headlines. 1.30, This Sporting Land. 2.00, Summer After Noon. 2.25, Thames. 5.10, Captain Nemo. 5.15, Southern. 6.00, Westward Diary. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, London. 8.15, Southern. 10.30, Summer of '78. 11.00, Raffery. 11.55, Faith for Life.

Anglia

9.30 am, Thames. 10.20, Dynamutt 10.40, Southern. 12.00, Thames. 1.25 pm, Anglia News. 1.30, Thames. 5.10, Stars on Ice. 5.50, News. 6.00, About Anglia. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, London. 8.15, Film: Woman's World, with Clifton Webb, June Allyson. 10.00, News. 10.20, Cross Question. 11.00, The Streets of San Francisco. 12.00, Nimrod Frolics. 12.25 am, Men Who Matter.

Ulster

9.30 am, Thames. 10.20, Wacky Kids. 10.40, Southern. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Lunchtime. 1.30, The Story of Ying. 1.55, Electric Theatre Show. 2.25, Thames. 5.10, The Flintstones. 5.40, News. 6.00, Ulster Television News. 6.05, Cross Chat. 6.30, Rewards. 6.50, Police. 7.00, London. 8.15, Southern. 10.30, Dan August. 11.30-11.40, Bedtime.

BBC 2

6.40 am, Open University: Colour Television (1). 7.05, Politics of Dependence. 7.30-7.55, Limits of Political Independence. 11.00-11.25, Play School. 4.55 pm, Open University: Understanding Aggro. 5.20, Criteria of Purity. 5.45, Heart and Lungs. 6.10, Ethnology. 6.35, Kinetics of Fast Reactions.
7.00 News Headlines.
7.05 Children's Wardrobe.
7.30 News.
7.35 Six English Towns, Totnes, Devon.
8.05 Arabian Fantasy, songs of Bahrain.
9.00 Jazz from Montreux, with Miami Jazz Band.
9.25 Horizon. Cashing in on the Ocean: manganese nodules.
10.20 Don't Forget to Write!
11.10 News.
11.20-11.30, Reading.

Southern

9.30 am, Thames. 10.20, Rainbow Country. 10.40, Tell Me Why. 11.05, Magic Circle. 11.30, The World of Julie Green. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Southern News. 1.30, Ten Times Empty. 2.00, Women Only. 2.25, Thames. 5.05, Weekend. 5.15, Crossroads. 5.40, News. 6.00, Day by Day; Scene South-East. 6.30, Tell Me Another. 7.00, London. 8.15, Film: Fantasy Island, with Bill Bixby. 10.00, News. 10.30, Southern Report. 11.20, Southern News. 11.30, Quincy. 12.25 am, Weather, Epilogue.

Yorkshire

9.30 am, Thames. 10.20, Tarzan. 11.10, The White Stone. 11.35, The Adventures of Muhammad. Ad. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Calendar News. 1.30, Houseparty. 2.00, Summer Afternoon. 2.25, Thames. 5.10, Calendar Sport. 5.40, News. 6.00, Calendar. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, London. 8.15, Southern. 10.30, Casper Carrott. 11.00-12.00, Concert, Jack Jones.

Border

9.30 am, Thames. 10.20, Dynamutt. 10.40, Southern. 12.00, Thames. 12.30 pm, The Story of Wine. 1.00, News. 1.20, Border News. 1.30, Survival. 2.00, Summer After Noon. 2.25, Thames. 5.10, The Partridge Family. 5.40, News. 6.00, Lookaround. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, London. 8.15, Southern. 10.30, Festival. 11.30, The Law Centre. 12.00, Border News.

Grampian

9.25 am, First Thing. 9.30, Thames. 10.20, The Beachcombers. 10.45, Southern. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Grampian News Headlines. 1.30, Survival. 2.00, Summer After Noon. 2.25, Thames. 5.10, The Flintstones. 5.40, News. 6.00, Grampian Today. 6.10, Partners. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, London. 8.15, Southern. 10.30, Dan August. 11.30, National Film Board of Canada. 12.00, Reflections. 12.05 am, Grampian Headlines.

Tyne Tees

9.25 am, The Good Word. 9.30, Thames. 10.20, Tarzan. 11.05, Southern. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, North-East News. 1.30, Partners. Dear Father. 2.00, Summer Afternoon. 2.25, Thames. 5.10, Gambit. 5.40, News. 6.00, Northern Life. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, London. 8.15, Southern. 10.30, Sportsbeat. 11.00, Concert: Jack Jones. 12.00, Epilogue.

Thames

9.30 am, Elusive Butterflies (r). 9.55, Talking Bikes (r). 10.20, Oscar. 10.30, Cartoon, Cyrano (r). 11.15, Focus on Wildlife. 11.40, Felix the Cat. 12.00, The Learning Tree (r). 12.10 pm, Rainbow (r). 12.30, Look Who's Talking. 1.00, News. 1.20, Platform. 1.30, Family. 2.25, Racing from Sandown Park. 4.10, Children of the Stones (r). 4.40, Runaround. 5.10, Batman (r).
5.45 News.
6.00 After Noon in Action (r).
6.25 Cartoon.
6.35 Crossroads.
(r) repeat.

London Weekend

7.00 Athletics: European Championships.
8.15 Backs to the Land.
8.45 McCloud.
10.00 News.
10.30 What's On LWT.
10.45 Ten Years of LWT.
12.30 am, Epilogue.

Scottish

9.30 am, Thames. 10.20, Dyno Mutt (r). 10.40, Southern. 12.00, Thames. 1.25 pm, Road Report. 1.30, Housparty. 2.00, Summer After Noon. 2.25, Thames. 5.10, Captain Nemo. 5.15, Southern. 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.30, Laverne and Shirley. 7.00, London. 8.15, Southern. 10.30, Great Expectations. 11.00, Festival '78. 11.45, Late Call. 11.50-12.20 am, Police Surgeon (r).

ATV

9.30 am, Thames. 10.20, Friends of Man. 10.45, The Paper Lads (r). 11.10, Conquest of the Sea. 12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, ATV News. 1.30, General Hospital (r). 2.25, Thames. 4.00, Christopher Crumpet. 4.10, Thames. 5.10, Backs to the Land. 5.40, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Crossroads. 7.00, London. 8.15, Rafferty. 9.15, Little Big show. 10.00, News. 10.30, Soap. 11.00-12.40 am, Film: Death is a Woman, with Patsy Ann Noble, Mark Burns.

Granada

9.30 am, Thames. 10.25, Sesame Street. 11.20, The Jetsons. 11.45, A Handful of Songs. 12.00 Thames. 1.20 pm, This is Your right. 1.30, Gambit. 2.00, After Noon. 2.25, Thames. 5.05, Captain Nemo. 5.10, Crossroads. 5.40, ITN News. 6.00, Granada News. 6.10, Kick-off. 6.45, Cartoon. 7.00, London. 8.15, Southern. 10.30, Concert, Henry Mancini. 11.30, Film: The Love Goddess.* 12.55-1.10, Music, with Don McLean.

Channel

1.20 pm, Channel News. 1.30, This Sporting Land. 2.00, Summer After Noon. 2.25, Thames. 5.10, Channel News. 6.10, Valley of the Dinosaurs. 6.35, ATV. 7.00, London. 8.15, Southern. 10.32, Summer of '78. 11.00, Rafferty. 11.55, News.

Radio

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5.0 am, News, Tony Brandon.† 7.02, Paul Burnett. 9.00, Simon Bates. 11.00, Dave Lee Travis. 12.30 pm, Newsbeat: 12.45, Peter Powell. 2.00, Tony Blackburn. 4.31, Kid Jensen. 7.30, Sports Desk. 7.33, Take Your Partner.† 8.02, John Fox.† 8.45, Music Night. 9.55, Sports Desk. 10.02, John Peel.† 12.00, News. 12.05 am, Brian Matthew. 2.00, News.
† Stereo.

2
5.00 am, News. 5.02, Tony Brandon.† 7.32, Terry Wogan.† (8.27, Racing Bulletin). 10.02, Bill Prince.† 12.15 pm, Waggoners' Walk. 12.30, Pete Murray.† 2.30, David Hamilton. 4.30, Waggoners' Walk. 4.45, Sports Desk. 4.50, John Dunn.† 6.33, Sports Desk. 7.02, Take Your Partners.† 7.30, Radio 1. 10.02, Games People Play. 10.30, Let's Go Latin. 11.02, Sports Desk. 11.15, Brian Matthew. 2.00-2.02 am, News.

3
6.55 am, Weather. 7.00, News. 7.05, Campra, Bach, Vivaldi, Handel.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Kodaly, Dvorak, Respighi.† 8.55, Rural Rhymes. 9.00, News. 9.05, Sullivan.† 10.00, Reizenstein and Elgar.† 11.00, Edinburgh Festival, piano recital, part 1: Mozart. Schubert.† 11.55, Festival Comment. 12.10, pm, Recital, part 2: Mozart. 1.00, News. 1.05, Playbill.† 1.20, BBC Northern Symphony Orchestra: Berlioz, Smith-Brindle, Hindemith.† 2.30, Song Recital: Schubert, Quilter, Schumann.† 3.10, Young Artists' Recital: Handel, Van Eyck, Telemann, Christiansen. Berio, Vivaldi.† 4.00, Piano Recital: Beethoven, Scarlatti.† 4.45, The Young Idea.† 5.45, Homeward Bound. 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound. 6.30, Music in Principle. 7.00, Local Arts.
7.30, Prom, part 1: Mozart.† 8.15, Shakespeare's Marriage, talk by Andrew Gurr. 8.35, Prom, part 2: Berlioz.† 9.40, Social Security and Insecurity in Italy, talk by Franco Ferrarotti. 10.00, Jacques Thibaud, violinist. 10.45, The National Voice (3) Scotland. 11.45, News. 11.50-11.55, Schubert Song.†

4
6.00 am, News. 6.10, Farming. 6.30, Today. 8.45, Daisy Miller. 9.00, News. 9.05, Local Time. 9.35, The Life and Times of the Plano. 10.00, News: 10.05, Checkpoint. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, Manny, portrait of Lord Shinwell. 11.50, Old Wives' Lore of Gardening. 12.00, News. 12.02 pm, You and Yours. 12.27, My Music. 12.55, Weather.
1.00, News. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen with Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Play. The Love Knot, by Michael J. Butler. 4.00, News. 4.05, Sir Donald Bradman, a tribute. 4.35, Story, The Old Wives' Tale. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.40, Inquire Within. 5.55, Weather.
6.00, News. 6.30, Going Places. 7.00, News. 7.05, The Archers. 7.20, Pick of the Week. 8.10, Profile. 8.30, Many Reasons Why. 9.15, Letter from America. 9.30, Edinburgh Festival. Zurich Opera's productions: Giambologna exhibition: Festival Fringe report. 9.59, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.30, A Little Night Exposure. 10.55, Nightcap. 11.00, A Book at Bedtime Zorba the Greek. 11.15, The Financial World Tonight. 11.30, News. 12.20-12.23 am, Inshore Forecast.



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BIRTHS

BARSTOW.—On 29th August at British Military Hospital, Hanover, to Carolyn (née Nicol) and Charles—a son (Patrick Nicholas).

BROWN.—On August 23th at Royal Free Hospital, Hampstead, to Elizabeth (née MacDonald) and Jonathan—a son and a daughter.

DIXEY.—On August 30th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Jenny (née Clowes) and Charles—a son (Christopher James).

DORMAN.—On 24th August, 1978, to Barbara (née Nunn) and Peter—a daughter, Katherine Emily.

KWOK.—On 30th August, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Sue (née Morris) and Ken—a son (Alexander Russell Weyland).

LAW.—On August 30th in Paris to Virginia (née Jacobs) and Anthony—a daughter (Nicola Jane).

MENZIES.—On August 31st, at the Lindo Wing, St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, to Sandra (née Mills) and Alasdair—a son (Alexander Graham).

SHUTTLEWORTH.—On 29th August to Ann and Charlie—a son.

ST. JOHN WEBSTER.—On August 30th at Odstock Hospital, Salisbury, to Inga and Rory—a son.

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BLOCH.—By Diana and Leonard—a daughter, a sister for Adam.

BIRTHDAYS

21ST BIRTHDAY.—Miss Jessica M. Pearse of Barry, South Glamorgan—born 1st September, 1957.

MARRIAGES

JARVIS : TODD.—On August 26th, at the Church of St Thomas-on-the-Bourne, Farnham, Colin Jarvis, son of Mr and Mrs D. Jarvis, of Harold Park, Essex, to Margaret, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Todd, of Farnham Surrey.

MANCHESTER : KENT.—On Friday, 25th August, 1978, in Nairobi, Kenya, Sidney Arthur Robin George Drogo (8th) Duke of Manchester to Andrea Kent.

STEGERS : FENN. The marriage took place on August 29 between Mr Theo Stegers & Miss Sally Jane Fenn now at Roselea, Giggs Hill Green, Thames Ditton.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

GRAHAM : JOHNSON.—On September 1st, 1928, at Upminster, John Graham to Anne Hardie Johnson. Present address: Brooklands, Playden, Rye.

LESSEY : HARTNETT.—On September 1st, 1928, Walter to Georgina. Still at Broadstairs.

DEATHS

ADCOCK.—On August 30th, in a nursing home, Mabel, widow of John Ernest Adcock, formerly of Little Woodbury, Lincombe Hill Rd., Torquay. Funeral private. No letters or flowers.

ARBUTHNOT.—On 29th August, 1978, at the Victoria Hospital, Cork, after an illness, Rosemary Harold (née Thompson), widow of Commander R. K. C. Arbuthnot, D.S.C., R.N., and mother of Shirley (Murray) and Penelope, of Myrtle Grove, Youghal, co Cork, Ireland. Funeral service on Friday, 1st September at 2.00 p.m. at St. Mary's Collegiate Church, Youghal.

BARTON.—On August 30th peacefully, Brough Godfrey, much loved husband of Janet and father of Tom, Philippa and Hugh. Funeral service at Chelsea Old Church on Thursday September 7th, at 2 p.m. followed by private cremation. Flowers to E. B. Ashton & Co., 96 Fulham Rd., London, S.W.3.

BLOMFIELD.—On August 30th at Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead, after a short illness, William James Blomfield, of Ridgeway, Hammerwood, near East Grinstead. Service Monday, September 4th, 3 p.m., Hammerwood Church, near East Grinstead. Cremation 3 p.m. Surrey & Sussex Crematorium, Worth. Family flowers only; donations if wished to Invalid Children's Aid Association, c/o Mr. S. Phillips, Dolloways, Hawbourne Lane, Buxted, Uckfield, Sussex.

BUNFORD.—On Tuesday, 29th August, 1978, peacefully at Harefield Hospital, Beatrice Martha (Betty), in her 90th year, widow of B. G. Bunford, beloved mother of Neva and John, mother-in-law of Margaret and Fred, and a dearly loved grandmother.

CATT.—On 7th August, 1978, George Clifford Catt, M.B.E., peacefully in his 93rd year at Poole General Hospital.

DARLEY.—August 26th, 1978, Pamela, daughter of Colonel Dennis Darley and the late Mrs Nina Darley and loved sister of Carola and Mark.

DUTTON.—On 29th August, 1978, at Joan's Acre, Hinton, Ampner, Alresford, Hampshire, Ursula Mary Lavinia Dutton. Aged 81 years. Cremation private. No flowers.

FLETCHER.—On August 31st peacefully in a nursing home at Midhurst, Charles Hugh, devoted husband of the late Teo and beloved father and grandfather. Funeral at Lodsworth Parish Church on Tuesday September 5th at 2.30 p.m. Flowers to L. F. Lintott & Son, Midhurst (tel 2264).

GEFFS.—On August 30th, 1978, peacefully at his home "Deronda", Barmouth, Gwynedd Harry Geffs beloved husband of the late Janet Humphreys Geffs, dear father of Sheila and Harry, and loving grandfather and great grandfather. Public funeral service at the parish church Llanaber on Sat. Sept. 2nd at 1 p.m., followed by private interment at Llanaber cemetery. Family flowers only, but donations if desired in lieu if desired to the Royal British Legion, c/o Councillor T. W. O'Marah, Lynton House, Barmouth.

GRAIG, ALICE (née Malone), passed away on Monday, August 28th, in Indianapolis, Indiana, U.S.A., beloved mother of Mrs. Jennifer M. Smith, grandmother of Allison L. Smith, sister of Raymond Malone. Requiem mass at St. Dunstans, Moston, Manchester, on Sept. 1st.

GRANT.—On Aug. 30, 1978, peacefully in hospital, John Stanley Grant, of 32 Mayville Rd., Liverpool 18, formerly of the Foreign Office. Service at Holy Trinity Church, Wavertree, Liverpool, on Monday, September 4th, at 11.45 a.m., interment following at Allerton Cemetery, Liverpool. Further enquiries to Howard Jenkins Funeral Service, tel. 051-709 2424.

GRANT-SUTTIE.—On Wednesday 30th August 1978 peacefully at St Baldreds Nursing Home, North Berwick, Hilda Margaret, much loved aunt of Ian and Margaret and cousin to Sir Philip. Funeral service at St Baldreds Church at 11 a.m. on Saturday 2nd Sept. followed by interment at North Berwick Old Cemetery to which all friends are invited. Family flowers only.

GROVES.—On August 27th, 1978, in a Reading hospital, Harry Howard Groves, aged 75 years, formerly of Wolverhampton. Funeral on Thursday, Sept. 7. Service, Goring-on-Thames Parish Church, 2.30 p.m., followed by burial. Enquiries and flowers to Cyril H. Lovegrove, funeral directors, Trinity House, 114-116 Oxford Rd., Reading, 52016, who will meet trains at Reading station if required by arrangement.

HUBBARD.—On Aug. 30th, 1978, peacefully, in Sevenoaks Hospital, Michael Edmund Hubbard, of Little Julians, Hop Garden Lane, Sevenoaks, Kent, beloved husband of Madeleine, father of Alastair, father-in-law of Ann and grandfather of Richard and Bruce. Service of thanksgiving at Seal, St. Lawrence Church, Seal, Chart, on Monday, September 4th, at 1 p.m. Enquiries and flowers to W. Hodges & Co., Sevenoaks, 51457 or donations, if desired, to The Cheshire Home, Sevenoaks.

HAWORTH.—On August 29th suddenly at home, Roland Francis James, aged 11, dearly loved and only son of David and Josephine Haworth, brother to Harriet and Rebecca. Funeral, St Anne Line, South Woodford, Monday September 4th, 10 a.m. Flowers to W. English, 190, George Lane, E18.

HUNTER.—On August 30th, Oliver Arnold, at Mount Olivet Nursing Home, Torbay, beloved father of Nell and Michael, adored grandfather of Simon, Susannah, Nicholas, Jeremy and Svend. Funeral at Torquay Crematorium, on Tuesday, Sept. 5th, at 10.30 a.m. Family flowers only. Donations for the Spastics Society may be sent to Torbay and District funeral service, Wellswood, Torquay.

LINDSAY.—On August 30th, Florence (Sis) in her 91st year, widow of Col. D. C. Lindsay D.L., of Liffne-Home, Liskern.

MARSHALL.—On 28th August, 1978, peacefully, at her home in Hatch End, Hannah Dorothy, wife of the late Eric G. Marshall, F.R.I.C.S. Funeral strictly private by request. No flowers or letters, please, but donations if desired to Cancer Research. Inquiries to T. A. Ellement, 21 Bridge Street, Pinner, 01-866 0324.

MANNES.—On 29th of August, 1978, suddenly, Dr Peter Mannes, of Old Orchard, Bromley, beloved husband of Bridget and dear father of Barry and Roger. Cremation private, no flowers, please.

MILLAR.—On August 26th, 1978, peacefully, at her home in Addlestone, Surrey, after a long illness very bravely borne, Diana Violet (née Fox), aged 63, beloved wife of P. G. Millar, M.R.C.V.S., loving mother of Jennifer and Patricia and devoted grandmother of Jason and Janet. Cremation at Randalls Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Friday, 1st September, at 1 p.m. Flowers and enquiries, please, to F. W. Chitty and Co., Ltd., 45 Elmgrove Road, Weybridge. Tel.: Weybridge 42020.

MONTGOMERY.—On 31st August, 1978, suddenly, in hospital, R. E. Montgomery, of 220, Swakeleys Rd., Ickenham, Middlesex, formerly a director of the Prudential Assurance Co. Ltd. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

NEWNHAM. — On Wednesday, 30th August, at Epsom District Hospital, Ronald Seymour Newnham, much loved husband of Dorothy and father of Jennifer and Valerie. Funeral private.

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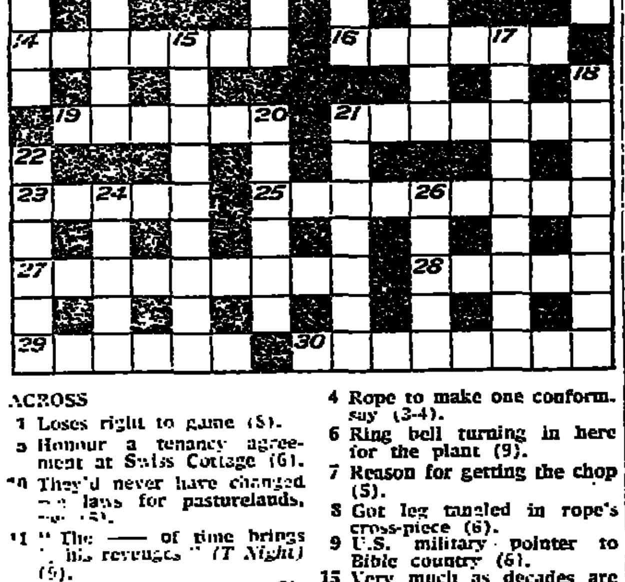
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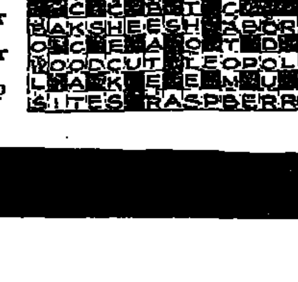
ACROSS

1 Loses right to game (5).
5 Honour a tenancy agreement at Swiss Cottage (6).
10 They'd never have changed the laws for pasturelands, [illegible] (5).
11 "The —— of time brings in his revenges" (*T Night*) (5).
12 High hat on the range (9).
13 Former pupil holds engineering qualification to come top (5).
14 Could she be the Latvian Diamond Lil? (7).
16 Agitation of a day at Camptown races (6).
19 One whose work is character-forming (6).
21 Specialist in some art form (7).
23 Frequently of good address in politics (5).
25 They were booked for their fair preference (9).
27 Upset plan that otherwise should go on wheels (5-4).
28 Saint? This man's a safe-breaker! (5).
29 Borrow's sequel is worthwhile (6).
30 Defamed foreign nobleman in trade organization (8).

DOWN

1 Lone lady in law, rather than a fishwife (4, 4).
2 Highly popular transmitter (5, 4).
3 Girl about to stand Ron up in Denmark (5).
4 Rope to make one conform, say (3-4).
6 Ring bell turning in here for the plant (9).
7 Reason for getting the chop (5).
8 Got leg tangled in rope's cross-piece (6).
9 U.S. military pointer to Bible country (6).
15 Very much as decades are reckoned, see? (9).
17 Put the poor cat out, aim with gun! (9).
18 With one's back to two walls (8).
20 The rabble gun fish when rising (3-3).
21 TV studio lizard? (7).
22 Empty talk about 12 perhaps (3, 3).
24 Sort of pit seat (3-2).
26 Without work went ahead and ran (5).

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